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PARIS, TO-DAY.

SPAIN NEUTRAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Madrid, To-day.

An official proclamation has been issued here stressing Spain's neutrality in the Dutch-Belgian invasion.—Havas.

ITALIANS STUTTER WITH RAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Italian press is making capital out of a report by the Foreign Ministry on the Allied naval control.

A violent article in "Messaggero" says: "Words are unable to express the feeling of intense indignation aroused by this report on the incredible vexations of the British control. "It is a real revival of piracy, it is intolerable and cannot last any longer. The Italian people will not bear such violations of their rights."—Havas.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT REMOVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

"In order to safeguard their entire freedom of action the Government have changed their residence," an official broadcast announces.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — South winds, moderate fair to showery.

Apparently the German High Command ordered the big push at dawn yesterday, since German pressure is being exerted in every direction in Holland and Belgium, mainly north and south of Liege and the French-Luxemburg border.

On Sunday, it is now revealed, French mechanised units scored a decisive advantage in a fierce battle west of the Albert Canal, when between 1,500 and 2,000 French and German tanks entered the action.

It is estimated that about 400 German planes have been shot down since the beginning of the operations in the Low Countries.

Contrary to German assertions, the French are holding their positions in front of the Longwy sector of the Maginot Line.

Meanwhile the Dutch forces are successfully resisting the German attack in the Arnhem region, while within the country the authorities are gradually wiping out small detachments of German parachutists and rounding up Dutch Nazis.

German Pressure

In Belgium, the Germans have increased their pressure on the two wings, firstly, north of Liege from the Albert Canal towards Haselt and Tongres, and secondly, in the Ardennes.

The French forces are exerting powerful pressure against German mechanised units advancing towards Tongres and Haselt and every encounter so far has shown the superiority of the French tanks over the German.

The situation in the Liege zone is still uncertain but the Liege forts are holding and are capable of resisting a long time. Only one of the forts has fallen to the enemy.

The Germans are making strenuous efforts in the Belgian Ardennes and thousands of troops, preceded by several armoured divisions, are rushing from east to west towards the Meuse.—Havas.

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OPTIMISM IN DUTCH QUARTERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The German advance so far threatens no part of the vital Dutch defences and the situation may be considered with full optimism now that British and French troops have arrived, authoritative quarters here declare.

The Mayors in Zealand provincial towns have been instructed by the Home Ministry to grant the British and French expeditionary force the same rights as those accorded Dutch troops.

The Dutch Government has decided to fix a special exchange rate for the benefit of the British and French troops. The rate is seven florins for Sterling.

Furthermore, all mayors have been ordered to pay Allied troops in areas under their administration, giving French and British soldiers the same amount of florins as received by Dutch soldiers of the same rank.—Havas.

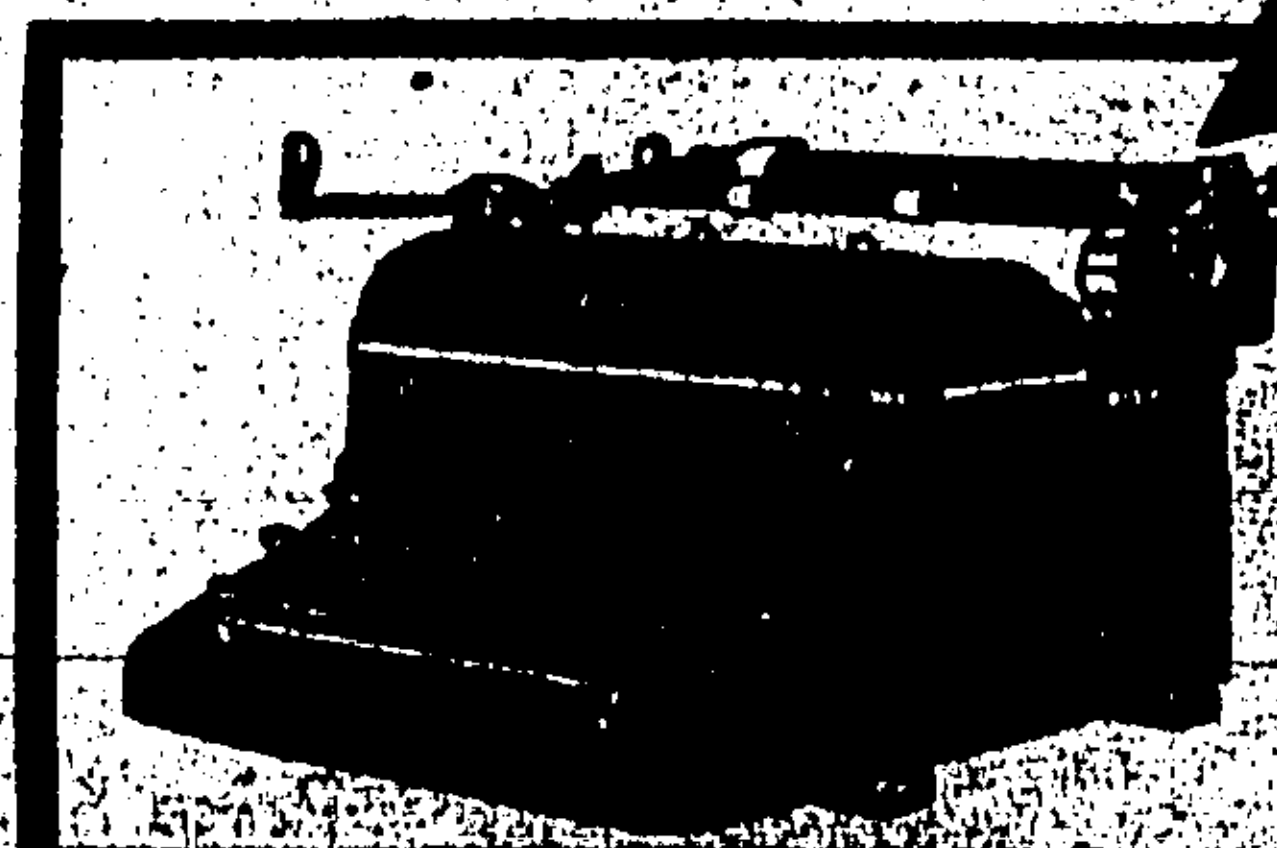


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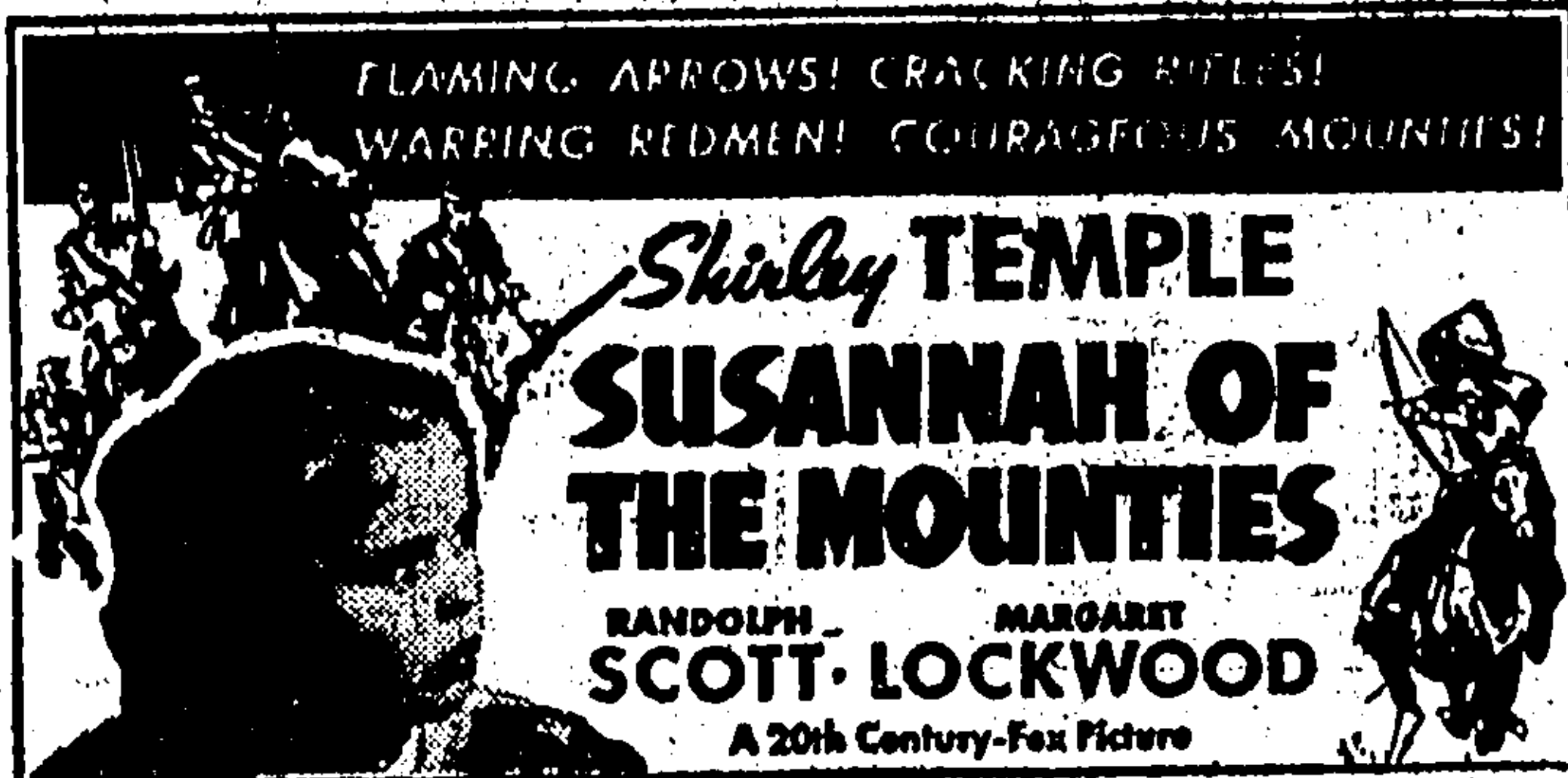
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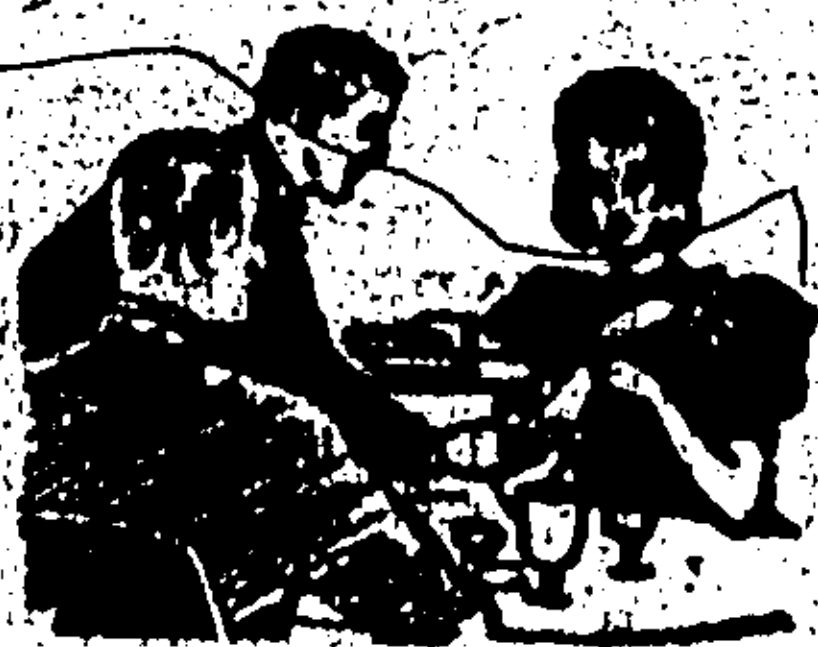
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RUSSIA WILL STAY NEUTRAL, SAYS MR. SUN FO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

RUSSIA WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL, asserted Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, commenting on the problems arising from the European war, before the Women's Committee of the Sino-Soviet Cultural Association.

He said there are two unknown elements, represented by Italy and Japan. The former will, no doubt, avail herself of the present activity on the Western Front to extend her control over Yugoslavia and Greece and thereby possibly precipitating a crisis in the Mediterranean.

On the other hand, Italy may stick momentarily to her wait and see policy while morally supporting the Reich.

Japan's ambitions regarding the Dutch East Indies are plain, but will she strike in the South Seas? Japan is well aware of the fact that the American Navy is keeping a watchful eye on Far Eastern developments.

America's position, according to the speaker, is easily defined. The United States would oppose any Japanese attempt against the Dutch East Indies or the Philippines but is unlikely to enter the European war unless forced to do so.

China's Interest

It is obvious that Germany will be careful to avoid any steps which might draw America into the war.

Concluding, Dr. Sun Fo stated some believe that China would benefit by an Allied victory giving the opinion that Britain and France, together with the United States, would undoubtedly, after their victory, make a bolder stand in the Far East than they have so far and would co-operate with China in the maintenance of the status quo and the open door policy.—Havas.

IL DUCE WANTS THE LOW-DOWN ON SPAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Madrid, To-day.

General Gambara, the Italian Ambassador, has left for Rome to confer with Mussolini.—Havas.

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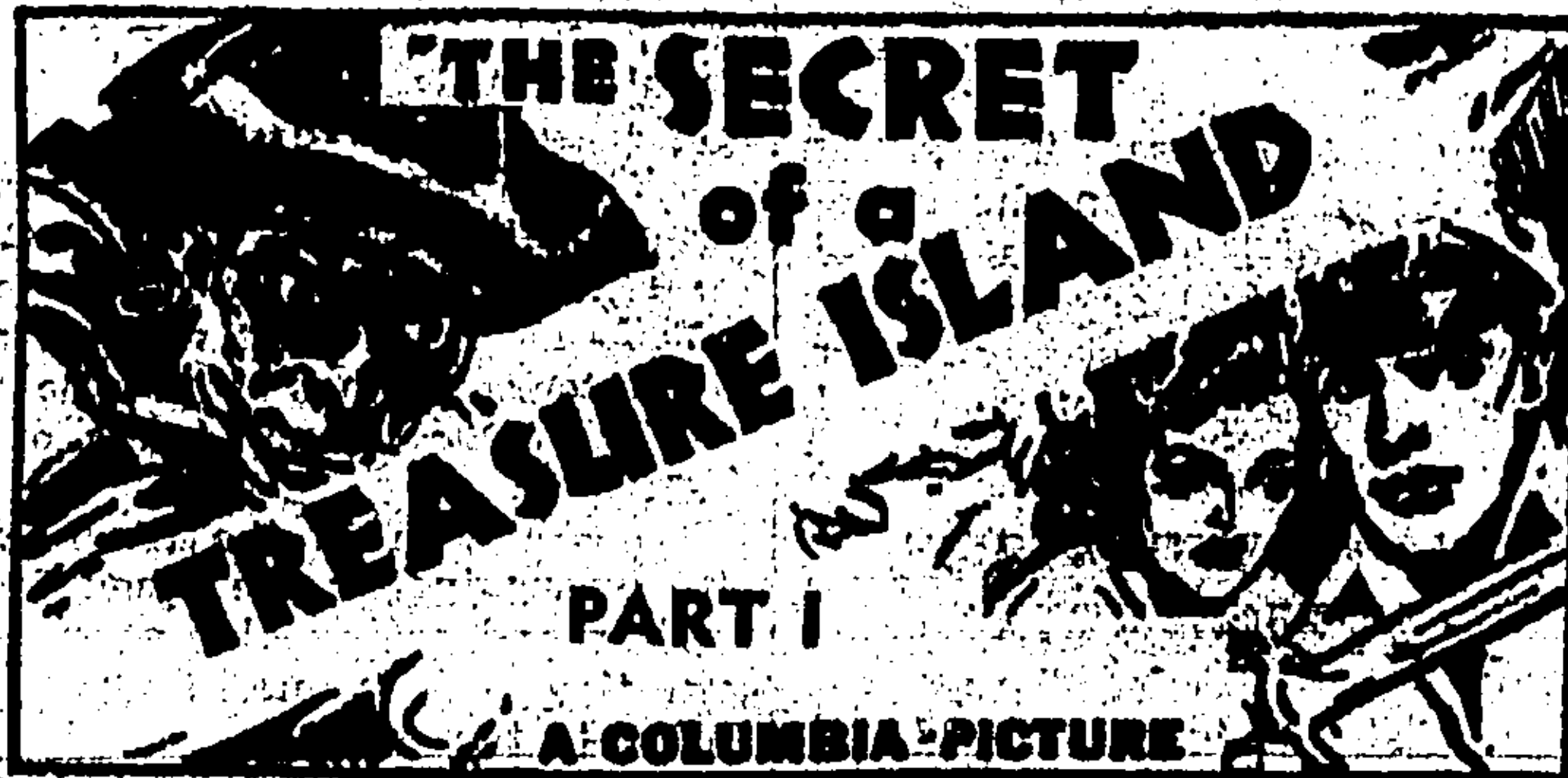
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BARONESS SINGS IN NINE LANGUAGES, SPEAKS SIX

London, April 29.
I talked to-day with Lena Morava, Russian baroness and wife of a British Army officer, who will make her first appearance in a London floor show in May.

She speaks six languages fluently and sings in nine, but in spite of her perfect English one would never mistake her for an English-woman, with her enormous dark eyes, animated smile and quick expressive gestures.

"I did not dare to tell my husband that I meant to get a job, but waited until it was fixed and presented him with the fait accompli," she said with a laugh.

"The war has hit us badly financially. If I stay at home I cannot help worrying, but if I am working I feel that I am helping, and that makes me happy. My husband understands this, and to show that he has forgiven me, he is going to try to get leave for my opening night."

ESCAPE FROM SOVIET

Lena Morava has had the most colourful life. As a child of six she escaped from Russia during the Revolution with her grandmother and several other people, in a pig-cart. Eventually she reached the safety of her wealthy father's estate in Estonia.

Owing to the privations and semi-starvation that she had gone through she was attacked by a spinal weakness. To cure it she attended the dancing school of a former ballerina of the Russian Imperial Ballet and showed such promise that it was decided to make dancing her career.

At the age of fourteen, however, her voice had developed so rapidly that she was sent to Paris to study singing under Donalda, who formerly sang with Caruso.

JAPANESE NAVAL MANOEUVRES IN SOUTH

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.
Some 80 Japanese warships are reported engaged in manoeuvres in the Gulf of Tongking using Wai Chow Island as a base of operations.

It is said that the "fleet" includes aircraft carriers and that the vessels arrived there last Thursday.

Official confirmation, however, cannot be obtained.—Our Own Correspondent.

While she was singing in classical concerts in France, Rene Blum spotted her, and she was offered a contract to go to Monte Carlo as a light operatic singer. She then appeared in Continental cabarets, having developed the sophisticated sentimental style which the Frenchwoman puts over so well.

Mlle. Morava then met and married the Army officer who is now her husband.

BRITISH REFUGEES ARRIVE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
BETWEEN 500 AND 600 BRITISH MEN AND WOMEN, THE LAST TO BE EVACUATED FROM HOLLAND, RETURNED TO ENGLAND YESTERDAY AFTER CROSSING THE NORTH SEA BY STEAMER, SAYS REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ABOARD THE VESSEL. THE VOYAGE TOOK 20 HOURS.

The party included members of the British consular staff at The Hague and Amsterdam, some of the Legation staff at The Hague, the entire Sadlers Wells Ballet company and all British newspaper correspondents from Amsterdam.

Three hundred of the party were from Amsterdam. They had been summoned to the office of the Consul-General on Saturday night and told if they didn't leave by the last British boat the following day, he couldn't accept further responsibility for them.—Reuter.

SO THIS IS THE SECRET WEAPON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
The latest version of Hitler's much-touted "Secret Weapon" is that it is a gas which paralyses its victims temporarily and which penetrates the usual gas-masks supplied to the troops.

According to reports reaching here, this gas enabled the Germans to capture the Liege fort of Ebenemail on Saturday.—Havas.

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LATEST ASPECTS OF WAR

Lord Halifax's Survey In House Of Lords

Lesson Once Again Made Plain To The Whole World

London, To-day.

REVIEWING THE LATEST aspects of the war, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, spoke in the House of Lords yesterday of the latest attempt by Germany to strike down two small neighbouring nations "with a complete and cynical disregard of treaties and assurances and even of the most elementary principles of international order."

Lord Halifax said: "This crime, following close as it does on the heels of a similar crime only two or three weeks ago against Norway and Denmark, makes it plain once more to the whole world what are the forces against which the battle is now joined and what the world would have to pay for a German victory."

After referring to the messages sent by King George to King Leopold and Queen Wilhelmina and the "moving replies" received from these two Sovereigns, Lord Halifax said the House would be happy to know Princess Juliana had arrived safely in this country with her two young daughters. (Cheers).

Proceeding, Lord Halifax said: "On the western front a critical battle is at this moment being fought out."

"In the Netherlands the Germans are making a most determined attempt to obtain control of the fortresses of Holland by a prodigious use of their air force; and parachute troops, and every treacherous device contrary to the laws and usages of war has been exploited by them."

"Their parachutists have landed disguised not only in the uniforms of the Allied forces but also as priests and women. They have been supported, as in Norway, by the enemy within the gates, and fierce fighting is proceeding, particularly in the Rotterdam area."

Belgian Resistance

"The Belgians are resisting manfully behind their forward defences and heavy fighting is going on north-west of Liege against the German forces which succeeded in penetrating across the Meuse in this area."

"Every effort is being made to support the Dutch and Belgians in their struggle by sea, land and air. British and French forces are already engaged with the enemy and the Allied air forces are operating in support of the land battle against the German columns and many enemy aircraft have been shot down."

"In Norway the operations against the enemy in the Narvik area are proceeding and our forces further to the south are in contact with the enemy advancing from Namsos."

Norway War

Lord Halifax said he appreciated the opportunity of conversing with the Norwegian Foreign and Defence Ministers who had now returned to Norway, and he assured them that this

new threat which Britain had now to meet as a result of German aggression against the Netherlands and Belgium would not in any way affect the Allied determination to give all possible assistance to the Norwegian Government and people.

The British troops which landed in Iceland had been well received by the inhabitants and the people had been spared the fate which had overtaken the people of Denmark and southern Norway.

Jungle Law

"More than once in these past years we have been reminded that the only alternative to the organisation of international order based on respect for treaties and law was a return to the methods of the jungle. With that we now find ourselves face to face."

"In Nazi Germany the whole emphasis of developments in the last few years has been to exalt the value of physical and material strength to the expulsion of all others."

"Science and learning have been harnessed to the production of everything that could serve this gospel of physical force."

"Christian virtues and ideals have been derided, suppressed and threatened with extinction."

Immediate Answer

"We and our Allies shall doubtless suffer heavy material damage in the struggle against this danger. But I hope we may feel confident that in doing so we shall save our souls, without which there is no advantage even if we gain the whole world."

"The formation of the new Government and the placing of all parties in the State is the immediate answer to the new truths on the nature of the German menace."—Reuter.

Resolution Passed

London, To-day.

The House of Lords, which was far more numerous than yesterday, unanimously agreed to a motion

GERMAN ENTERPRISED FRUSTRATED

Stockholm, To-day.

A Norwegian High Command communique states an attempt has been made by the Germans to disembark troops in the south of Tromsø province.

Several transports were sunk and the forces which had been landed, surrounded.

In the Grøntan region, north of Narvik, the Norwegians announce a slight advance.—Reuter.

introduced by Lord Halifax and worded similarly to the Commons resolution.—Reuter.

Labour Endorsement

London, To-day.

Lord Snell, welcoming the new Government, said the British nation was quite resolved to complete the task it had begun.

He added: "We do not hate the German people. We do not want to prevent their natural rightful development, but we will not tolerate their lust for domination nor will we tolerate the bred in the bone brutality of their present Government."

The resolution was also supported by Lord Crewe and the Archbishop of Canterbury.—British Wireless.

"SUICIDE PATROL" ACTIVITY

London, To-day.

German parachutists are being landed in small parties behind the Franco-British forces advancing to the help of the Low Countries, it is reliably reported, states Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

Sabotage and espionage are the chief tasks set the men of these "suicide patrols."

A man in workman's clothes was yesterday discovered tampering with communications near an important railway junction.

Civilians tried to attack him, but he was saved and taken away by soldiers.

Suspected spies and Fifth Columnists are being rounded up vigorously to prevent information reaching the enemy of the plans of British aerial action.—Reuter.

40 MORE GO DOWN

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that over 40 more enemy aircraft of various types have been shot down by British fighters at very small cost.—Reuter.

MALCOLM MACDONALD AND MR. AMERY IN NEW GOVERNMENT

London, To-day.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the new Premier, announced several additional appointments in his Government last evening.

Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, one of Mr. Chamberlain's most consistent critics, becomes Secretary of State for India in place of Lord Zetland.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, former Colonies Secretary, is appointed Minister of Health.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the prominent Trade Unionist, is the new Minister of Labour and National Service.

Lord Woolton continues in the post of Minister of Food.

Chief interest in last night's Ministerial appointments centres in that of Mr. Ernest Bevin, who is an influential member of the Council of the Trades Union Congress.

As Minister of Labour and National Service his work will be closely related to the important question of supply, of which Ministry his Labour colleague, Mr. Herbert Morrison, is the head.

This will be a strong combination and should go far (says Reuter's lobby correspondent) to co-ordinate the supply efforts and branches.

Popular Choice

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald's appointment as Minister of Health is clearly a mark of the Prime Minister's recognition of the valuable work Mr. Macdonald has done in his earlier Ministerial appointments.

He has long been marked out for control of one of the principal departments and his appointment will be extremely popular.—Reuter.

GERMANY LOSES OVER 400 PLANES

Paris, To-day.

The Germans lost over 400 aeroplanes during Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning, according to an official estimate.—Reuter.

BLITZKRIEG AS SUCH HAS FAILED

Ankara, To-day.

The newspaper "Cumhuriyet" says: Three fresh victims have been added to German rapacity.

Once more adherence to neutrality is proved useless. The neutrals should unite and prepare to face the aggressor.

The German offensive is not a sign of strength but was prompted by the need to shorten the war, indicating the effects of the blockade are being felt.

In Stockholm, the "Nya Dagbladet" points out that the German blitzkrieg as such has failed and the results may be far-reaching.

The American President has made clear his attitude which also includes South America, and the Pope cannot be ignored.

Furthermore the Allies stand more united than ever.—Reuter.

D.W.I. LANDINGS

Willemstad (Curacao), To-day.

A British transport landed troops and defence equipment in this Dutch West Indies possession yesterday.—Reuter.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN LONDON, THE MOST SERIOUS SITUATION AT THE MOMENT IS IN THE REGION SOUTH OF THE ALBERT CANAL, WHICH THE GERMANS CROSSED AT MAASTRICHT ON SATURDAY.

Since then, German mechanised units have pressed on over the one bridge available, and were last reported as far as 20 miles from Maastricht, near the main railway line from Brussels to Liege, near Waremmé.

The German High Command claims that German troops have entered Liege, and to have captured the main citadel, although it admits that some of the forts are still holding out.

This may be one of the premature German claims to which we have grown accustomed.

The Germans were making great efforts to capture the town, the ground in front of which is strewn with German corpses, but in Paris yesterday morning it was said that only one fort had been taken.—Reuter.

Dutch Communique

London, To-day.

A Dutch High Command communique broadcast from Hilversum yesterday afternoon states:

"The German troops which crossed the Yssel are in contact with the Dutch in west Gelderland. At Yssel Lake, the Dutch have withdrawn with slight losses.

"South of Rotterdam there are still some Germans, but they are without artillery.

"The Dutch aviation is putting up a brave defence against the much larger enemy air force."—Reuter.

Situation Summarised

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Up to early yesterday afternoon, the position on the War Fronts could be summarised as follows:—

In Holland, the military authorities are complete masters of the interior of the country. The greater part of the parachutists have been taken and the aerodromes re-captured.

The situation at the front is less certain, in view of conflicting and sketchy reports.

In Belgium, the Belgian troops dropped back to their lines of resistance. The German advance had been very seriously checked, if not stopped, and Allied planes were making things very difficult for reinforcements and supply columns.

In Luxembourg, a violent battle is proceeding between Longwy and Sierck. Longwy is a French town on the Belgian frontier, 40 miles north-north-west of Metz, while Sierck is on the Franco-German-Luxembourg frontier.

Around Forbach and the Saar, the German action against the Maginot Line has not lived up to the promise

of the intensive artillery preparation.—Havas.

Liege Forts

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The advance of the French and Belgian troops is continuing according to schedule, and perhaps even a bit ahead. The enemy have not been able to hinder this movement.

It is stated here that all the Liege forts are being held except for Ebené-mail, which fell on Saturday.

There is bitter fighting in the Ardennes region. Advance Belgian troops are falling back here and there, and resisting at other points.—Havas.

Great Battle Not Yet Joined

Paris, To-day.

Military circles in Paris say that the fighting so far has been between advance guards and light mechanised units. The great battle has not yet been joined.—Reuter.

Stiff Task Ahead

London, To-day.

It is fully realised here that the Germans are ready to use very strong forces, and although it is too early yet to make an accurate estimate, responsible circles see a stiff task ahead.—Reuter.

Belgian Communique

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian official communique issued last night states: "Our troops were engaged in hard fighting all day. Everywhere they offered fierce resistance to the enemy.

"A village which had fallen into the hands of the enemy was re-occupied following counter-attacks led by Belgian units and supported by Allied tanks.

"In the course of the operations of the last few days, certain infantry, cyclist, frontier, chasseurs and Ardennes units have particularly distinguished themselves and fulfilled their allotted tasks with courage and great bravery.

"The crew of a Belgian aeroplane brought down on enemy-occupied territory succeeded in rejoining our position by making their way through the German lines."—Reuter.

TEN FOR ONE: NAZI THREAT

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency announces: "The German Foreign Office has presented a memorandum to the Governments in London, Brussels, Paris and The Hague, through neutral representatives, stating the military position of the German parachute pilots and threatening the most violent counter-measures on prisoners if international law is violated in the treatment of German parachute troops."

The German High Command states that for every German parachutist shot, 10 French prisoners will be shot.—Reuter.

PARACHUTE FORCE WITH BICYCLES!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Most of the German parachutists dropped in the Amsterdam area yesterday carried bicycles, the Dutch authorities reveal.

Some of them were blown by the wind while descending and landed in Amsterdam's main street, where they were immediately shot.

Meanwhile the authorities are rounding up all suspects. Guards have been posted at every corner to examine and identify the papers of passers-by.—Havas.

REFUGEES ARRIVING IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

Refugees, including women and children, arrived at an East Coast port from Holland last night by cargo steamer. Besides Dutch women and children they included English, French and Poles.—Reuter.

BIG EFFORT IN THE ARDENNES

Paris, To-day.

The Germans have made a particularly big effort in the Belgian Ardennes, where they achieved some progress, says a French communique.

Our cavalry elements (light mechanised units) having fulfilled the delaying action with which they were charged, fell back on the Meuse, which the enemy had reached at one point.

The enemy exerted strong pressure on Longwy. His attacks were repulsed as were those launched east of the Moselle and in the Saar region.

Allied and enemy aircraft continued their supporting actions of their land forces, attacking their adversaries' columns. Fifteen enemy aircraft were shot down during these engagements.

Behind the lines enemy air action, though repeated, caused only damage of little importance from the military point of view.—Reuter.

U.S. DEFENCE BOOST

Washington, To-day.

It is announced that President Roosevelt will address a message to Congress this week asking for additional funds for national defence.

It is believed the new request will be in the neighbourhood of \$500,000,000, which will be additional to the \$2,000,000,000 already allocated by Congress for defence needs during the fiscal year beginning July.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STRIKE

Shanghai, To-day.

Some 2,000 road-coolies, employed by the Shanghai Municipal Council, have been on strike since the last week-end. They are demanding further increases in cost of living allowance.

Workers in several other industries have presented similar demands.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Warm Tributes Paid In House Of Commons

Symbol Of The National Unity

London, To-day.

MR. H. B. LEES-SMITH (Labour), speaking from the position usually occupied in the House of Commons by Mr. Attlee on the Opposition side, said his Party immediately supported the resolution of confidence in Mr. Churchill's Cabinet.

In this country, he said, they had unity through discussion, persuasion, goodwill and good sense, but "on the other side is unity by the concentration camp, the rubber truncheon and the executioner's block."

After referring to the Ministerial crisis last week, Mr. Lees-Smith spoke of the manner in which the new War Cabinet, with the new Defence Ministers at their posts, had been appointed all within three days.

"No other form of government could have carried us through so great a change so smoothly and in so short a time."

"Our form of parliamentary government is the most civilising in peace, the most formidable weapon of control in war."

Dash And Vigour

Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) expressed his Party's confidence in the new Government.

The Prime Minister, he said, had two qualities essential to winning the war—dash and vigour and imagination.

The new Government was going to prove to the world that Democracy could more effectively wage war than its enemies.

But they could not fight the war on ordinary party lines. Mr. Chamberlain had set a splendid example and the new Government was a symbol of national unity.

It would have the support not only of the people at home but of millions beyond the seas and would give a stimulus to their Allies.

Same Old Jimmy

Mr. James Maxton (Independent Labour Party) regretted that members of the Labour Opposition had agreed to cross the floor and become part of the Government.—Reuter.

L. G. Pays Tribute

London, To-day.

Mr. Lloyd George, supporting the motion of confidence in the Churchill Government in the Commons yesterday, said: "As one of the oldest friends of the Prime Minister in this House I congratulate him on his succession to the Premiership."

"We know his glittering intellectual gifts, his courage, his profound study of war, and it will all be needed now."

"I think it fortunate that he should have been put in the position of supreme authority."

Gravest Movement In History

"He is exercising supreme responsibility at a graver moment and in a time of greater jeopardy than ever confronted a British Minister for all time."

"Friends of freedom throughout the world will wish him God speed. Their hopes are concentrated in him."

"Their prayers will be for him and, in my judgment, the sacrifices of Britain and her Empire will be at his disposal." (Cheers).—Reuter.

House Divides (Laughter)

London, To-day.

After further debate the House of Commons last evening divided on Mr. Churchill's resolution, Mr. James Maxton and the Rev. Campbell Stephen (Independent Labour) insisting on a division.

The motion was carried by 381 votes to nil. As Mr. Maxton and Mr. Campbell Stephen acted as tellers, their votes did not count.

The House adjourned.—Reuter.

Mr. Lees-Smith said: "I have been asked by my colleagues to follow the Prime Minister because it would be a pity were there to be no response to the striking, stirring and noble words he has addressed to the nation. Also I have been asked to do so in order to state immediately that of course we support this resolution."

Mr. Lees-Smith informed the House of the approval given by the Labour Party Conference, by 2,400,000 votes to 170,000, to the

SOUTH AFRICA CALLS UP TERRITORIALS

Capetown, To-day.

Men of the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles, a Territorial unit, who volunteered for service anywhere in Africa, have been called up for full-time service. They are going to the Transvaal for training.—Reuter.

action of the Labour leaders in joining the new all party administration.

"That does appear to me," he added, "as a striking demonstration of national unity."

"If Hitler imagined for a moment that the debate and division last week showed any sign of lack of unity, let him contemplate what has happened in the last few days. I cannot think that in any part of our lives any of us can have imagined two days more dramatic than have occurred since the House last adjourned."

Safety Valve

Sir Percy Harris expressed the confidence of the Opposition Liberals in the new Government.

"We are convinced a free Parliament, instead of being a weakness, is a strength providing a safety valve for the expression of opinion and enabling the Government effectively to carry out its great duties. The Nazis will yet learn it is dangerous to drive criticism underground."

Moving the adjournment till May 21, Mr. Churchill promised to consider the possibility of an early debate on the military situation.

He said: "I am most anxious, indeed resolved, to carry the House of Commons along with the Government at every stage of our fortunes as they

AT LAST A LEADER IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the new Premier, left no doubt in the minds of his hearers in the House of Commons yesterday that at last the country has a leader.

Winding up his short speech—the first he has made as Premier—Mr. Churchill said:—

"To those who ask what is our aim I can give the answer in one word—it is victory. (Cheers), victory at all costs, victory in spite of all peril, victory however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival and let that be realised."

"No survival for the British Empire, no survival for all that the British Empire has fought for, no survival for the urge and the impulse of the ages that mankind shall move forward towards its goal."

"But I take up my task with buoyancy and hope (Cheers). I feel entitled at this juncture to claim the aid of all, and I say 'Come, then, let us go forward together with our united strength'." (Cheers).—Reuter.

ARMS ON JUNK

A junk master, Lam Lau-cheung, was cautioned by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when charged with possession of arms and ammunition on a junk at Shaukiwan yesterday.

The rifles and the ammunition was ordered to be confiscated.

unfold; it is by the strength of the House that we shall be largely sustained in the conflict."—British Wireless.



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DUTCH BANKS IN SHANGHAI REFUSE PAYMENTS TO NAZIS

THE DAILY DOPE FOR DEUTSCHLAND

Berlin, To-day.

A German High Command communique dated from "The Fuehrer's headquarters," states: "The attack by the German army in the west was greatly intensified.

"In Holland, German troops advancing west of the Willem Canal have made contact round Rotterdam with troops landed from the air.

"In Belgium, the Albert Canal was also successfully crossed to the north-west of Hasselt. Our troops are advancing to the west of Liege. Since the morning of May 13 the German swastika has been flying over the citadel. Some of the outer forts are still resisting.

Going Forward

"To the west of the River Ourthe and in southern Belgium the French troops were repulsed. Our troops here continue to go forward and the advance guards are approaching the objectives assigned them.

"South of Saarbruecken and south-east Zweibruecken we extended our positions and took several hundred prisoners. The advance of the army was supported by the attacks of the air force on troop concentrations, marching columns and railways.

Claims Go On

"The air force continued the great struggle in the air in the western region of operations. On May 12 a total of some 320 enemy planes were destroyed; our losses number 31 planes."

The communique claims a Southampton class cruiser and a 15,000-ton transport ship were sunk off the Dutch coast, a cruiser damaged by bombs and several merchantmen hit and set on fire.

It is also claimed that a cruiser and destroyer were bombed and damaged off Norway.

It is stated the German troops were reinforced in Norway near Mosjoen and Mo and that the troops round Narvik are fighting an enemy greatly superior in numbers.—Reuter.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS

Amsterdam, To-day.

While the situation between Rotterdam and the Hague is still uncertain, there is an encouraging sign in the fact that the Rotterdam authorities have called on carpenters, brick layers and building workers to start repair work.

Earlier, the Dutch authorities had forbidden people to gather in the streets in groups of three or more people. All must have their passes and identity cards ready to show immediately, and disobedience may mean instant death.

The Amsterdam radio has told people not to accept cigarettes or chocolates from strangers.—Reuter.

GRAND DUCHESS IN PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg, accompanied by the Prince Consort and their children, who fled into France when the Nazi invasion started, have now taken up residence in Paris.—Havas.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE HOME OFFICES OF THE DUTCH BANKS IN SHANGHAI, THE NETHERLANDS INDISCHE HANDELSBANK AND THE NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY ARE NO LONGER PAYING OUT MONEY TO ENEMY ALIENS.

On Saturday morning Germans rushed to both banks to withdraw money and received everything they asked for, since no instructions to the contrary had been received.

The latter arrived during the noon hour on Monday, however, and since that time enemy accounts have been frozen.

It must be pointed out that since the outbreak of war Germans have kept accounts with Dutch and Belgian banks since they felt neutral banks were safe.

Large quantities of goods belonging to German firms were also kept with these banks and these, too, have been frozen, according to enquiries I have made.

The Banque Belge pour l'Etranger, the only Belgian bank in Shanghai, has continued to pay out accounts since no instructions have been received from Brussels.

Feeling Running High

Meanwhile, feeling in both the Dutch and Belgian communities is running higher every hour, and volunteers are besieging the consulates with requests to be sent to the front.

No instructions have been received in this connection, however.

The Dutch Consul-General on Saturday received almost the entire Dutch community at his home to discuss the situation, and from all quarters the strongest feelings of solidarity were expressed.—Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS RAID ALARM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The air raid alarm was sounded in the Paris region at 6.30 a.m. yesterday; the all clear was given at 7.10 a.m. No enemy planes appeared.—Havas.

A foreman of the Sanitary Department in Belcher Street, Li Lam, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital. He was suffering from immersion after falling into the harbour off Kennedy Town Praya last night.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN

London, To-day.

Sir John Simon, the new Lord Chancellor, who has been made a Viscount occupied the Woolsack in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Halifax paid a tribute to Mr. Chamberlain's work as Prime Minister and said those who were privileged to work with him would have no fear of the judgment which history would pass either upon his efforts to preserve peace or, when the peace was broken, to prosecute the war. (Cheers).

His successor had assumed the burden of a weight of which the House would not be slow to recognise.

Mr. Churchill brought to his task the particular gifts which had already earned for him the respect and confidence of his fellow countrymen.—Reuter.

M. DALADIER AT THE FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Daladier, French Defence Minister, visited the north frontier and Belgium on Sunday.

He was heartened by the courage of the populations along the frontier and in Belgium and by the high morale which prevailed exclusively.

He was received by King Leopold of the Belgians, who expressed his satisfaction at the Allied help.—Havas.

DOVE ON POPE'S THRONE

A white dove, flying through the open window, settled on the red velvet hangings of the Pope's Throne while his Holiness was addressing 800 newly-married couples.

The Pope had just taken his place, says Reuter, when the dove, one of many which often enter the Hall of Benediction in the Vatican, fluttered through one of the great windows opening on St. Peter's-square.

It stayed above the Papal Throne throughout the Pope's address and only flew off after the Benediction had been given.

The honeymoon couples were delighted at such an augury and many recalled that a white dove figures in the coat of arms of Pope Pius XII.

NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE RESUMED INTENSE ACTIVITY OVER HOLLAND YESTERDAY MORNING; THE FIRST AIR RAID ALARM WAS SOUNDED HERE AT 5.05 a.m. WHEN 17 GERMAN BOMBERS WERE SIGHTED.

New precautionary measures have been taken in northern Holland where the public are prohibited to gather in groups of more than three, and orders have been given for all doors and windows to be closed. A curfew is imposed from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m.—Havas.

FRENCH ATTITUDE ON THE N.E.I.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Government quarters point out France has already indicated her interest as regards the maintenance of the status quo in the Dutch East Indies.

The French Government's attitude remains unaltered.

The Government has no intention of intervening there and no suggestion whatever in this respect has been made to France from any source.—Havas.

Mr. L. B. Warren, of Warren and Company, has reported that while driving car No. 3785 along Connaught Road Central yesterday, he collided with an unknown Chinese who received injuries to his left foot, and refused to go to hospital.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

TIME FACTOR

In the last few days the time factor has become suddenly vital. Vital, needless to say, in the strategy of the campaign now opening—how fully will the feverish efforts of the Germans have established them in the lands which they betrayed before we can organise a fully effective striking force? But vital, too, in what may be called the war of information.

Is this tragedy a deadly stroke by the ruthless resolution of despotism at the hesitant and slow-moving democracies? Or is it the most foolish, as well as the wickedest, of miscalculations, the traditional blunder which brings the murderer to the gallows?

There are two distinct types of neutral before whom it is essential that we should place these happenings in their true perspective without delay. There are Near Eastern neighbours of Germany who hate Nazidom but fear it almost as much as they hate, and, conscious of the nucleus of German Fifth Columns already treacherously abusing their hospitality, wonder whether, if the criminals should go unpunished in Scandinavia, there is much chance that he would be brought to book in the Balkans. And there is also the neutral of the jackal brand, now coldly calculating the main chance. Lord Elton in "The Sunday Times."

TASK IN NORWAY

Our task in Norway is great and hard. That German stealth and illegality stole a march on us is admitted, but exclaiming against the underhand methods of the enemy will not solve a military problem. All our force, ingenuity, and daring must be called upon to turn the Germans out of Norway. If they stay there, our control of the North Sea will be made more difficult and we shall have had a severe moral reverse. In war mischances can be expected and there is no blame where it can be proved that the best has been attempted. Our best must be done in Norway. It is not wise to suggest that Norway at the most is a diversion, and that the main front, the decisive front, is along the French frontier. It may be that just as the Western front was the main battleground of the last war it will be the same this time. It is not, however, certain. There are many links in the long chain of a modern war, and it is not easy to decide which one will be the most important. At least we now know the nature of our task in Norway. It is becoming plain that the Skagerrak can no longer be called closed. It is good to hear that supply ships have been sunk, but many more are making their way through to Oslo, especially since the Germans have swept a large part of our minefield. We must match the German reinforcements with our own; their regular arrival is a sign that Norway is no aimless diversion for the Germans. It is right to remember also that by fighting for Norway we are also fighting for Sweden. If Norway falls into German hands Sweden's independence will be little different from that enjoyed by Slovakia. "Manchester Guardian."

FIFTH COLUMNS

In a leading article on "fifth columns" the "New York Times" writes: "From now on every neutral nation in Europe will look suspiciously at German trade envoys coming with the purest-looking motives, German newspapermen who never file a dispatch, German tourists, and other carriers of German culture. On this side of the ocean there will be renewed interest in the extension of 'fifth column' activities in Mexico and other Latin American countries as well as in the United States itself."

ITALY'S WAITING GAME

In London little doubt is felt that Signor Mussolini's action will be determined largely by his estimate of the direction in which the fortunes of war are swaying. In the meantime he has instructed his Ambassador in London, Signor Bastianini, to call on Viscount Halifax and express to him the Italian desire to see another improvement in relations with Britain.

The Ambassador stressed some of the points which specially affect Italian opinion adversely. These include the restrictive character of the Allied contraband control and the extent to which Italian shipping is held up at the present moment at the contraband stations.

It may be understood that Lord Halifax reciprocated the Ambassador's view that there should be no issues between Britain and Italy not capable of amicable solution. At the same time the Allies are determined that they must close every obvious leak in their blockade of Germany, and one obvious method is to ration the imports of neutral States to the amounts actually required for their own use.

Britain has been warned that those who wish to take Italy into war on the German side will use any such rationing scheme as an excuse for reviving the cry of "Sanctions," which might rally popular opinion, now violently anti-German, to an anti-Allied alignment.

In the general circumstances of the Italian situation it would be wholly premature to think that there can be an early reopening of trade negotiations broken off by Signor Mussolini last month. But every endeavour will be made from the British side to make the operation of the blockade of Germany as little inconvenient to Italy as possible.

At the same time an unexpected measure of success has attended the Italo-German efforts to increase the volume of German landborne coal exports to Italy. The volume carried during April was little short of a million tons. "The Daily Telegraph."

AFTER THE BRENNER MEETING

Whenever the dictators meet there is, whatever there is not, a hullabaloo. It is shock tactics all the time. Ribbentrop, quietly in Berlin to-day, is found to-morrow to be in Rome with Ciano, and when their greater masters meet nothing will serve but bullet-proof trains which hurl themselves through the dark hours (no tampering with the terminology) to a conference among the eternal snows. The melodrama is part of the technique, nor is it unsuccessful even in this country with the more impressionable spectators, who would have our own statesmen also post o'er land and ocean without rest. It is necessary, however, in politics not merely to be busy but to mean business, and what one asks about the Brenner meeting, now that the cries of applause and prophecy are dying down, is what business was meant. Berlin propaganda, as ever, protested that the results would be immense. But such prophecies, though always made, may not be always false, and there was that about the origins of the Brenner conference which made it, beyond doubt, important in its aims. When Hitler plunged into the war he offended Italy by ignoring the understanding that neither of them would bring on a major war until both sides, in a few years' time, were ready. By tearing up the Anti-Comintern Pact and bringing Russia into Western Europe he offended Italy still more. His first aim, therefore, at the Brenner was to recover his ground with Mussolini. "Yorkshire Post."

BRITISH COLONY IN ROME SHOWS ANXIETY

INTENSIVE OPERATIONS BY R.A.F.

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that intensive operations by the R.A.F. continue on all parts of the front.

Considerable numbers of enemy bombers have been encountered often escorted by fighters.

Reports so far received indicate that over 40 more enemy aircraft of various types have been shot down by our fighters at very small cost.

The striking success of fighters over defence may explain the fantastic claims by the enemy in regard to the number of Spitfires destroyed.

Actually only one Spitfire was forced down after a battle near Rotterdam in the early morning in which a flight of Spitfires shot down three enemy dive bombers and at least one of the fighters escorting them. The Spitfire pilot escaped uninjured.

Attacks on our aerodromes yesterday were less intense. Little damage was done to the aerodromes and casualties were slight.

Night Bombing

The advance of enemy troops has been impeded by a series of successful night bombing attacks on both sides of the Dutch frontier.

The re-occupation of Waalhaven by the enemy has been followed by a series of bombing attacks.

Daylight bombing attacks have been successfully carried out against enemy columns in Belgium and Luxemburg.

Intense opposition was encountered, resulting in some loss to our bomber squadrons.

Coastal Command aircraft patrolling the Dutch coast accounted for several enemy fighters. Enemy patrol ships were also attacked. — Reuter.

Attack on Waalhaven

London, To-day.

Further details of the R.A.F. attack on Waalhaven on Sunday night disclose that the British aircraft swooped on the aerodrome in the dusk and took the Germans by surprise, meeting no opposition of any kind.

The attack lasted for 20 minutes. The aircraft included Britain's latest and best light long-range bombers—Beauforts. — Reuter.

IN FORM AND IN FACT

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" says the national unity of Great Britain is now complete in form and fact.

In the coming months it will be an asset of incalculable value to the whole Allied cause.

Mr. Churchill has let a breath of fresh air into the British Government. He has shown already he is reviving the Lloyd George tradition of energetic leadership in wartime. — Reuter.

ROME, TO-DAY. ANXIETY HAS BEEN CREATED AMONG A SMALL SECTION OF THE BRITISH COLONY IN ROME BY THE BELLIGERENT TONE OF THE ITALIAN PRESS.

The British Consulate has advised inquirers not to stay in the country if they are merely tourists or passing through.

EMERGENCY STATIONS FOR FORCES IN EGYPT

London, To-day.

As a precautionary measure the British and Egyptian forces have taken up emergency stations in Egypt.

While the Mediterranean position remains uncertain the fullest precaution are being taken throughout the country.

The Prime Minister, as Military Governor, has authorised the Governor of the Western Desert to evacuate the civil population of certain towns near Libya if and when it is considered necessary. — Reuter.

NAZIS BRINGING BACK TROOPS FROM OSLO

Stockholm, To-day.

An indication that Germany is bringing troops back from Oslo is contained in a report received here from the correspondent of the newspaper "Aftenbladet" who reports that a German ship, described as the Campania, whose loss as the result of striking a mine was announced on Sunday, was transporting troops from Oslo. — Reuter.

Mr. Lin Yu-tang, well-known author of "My Country and My People" who arrived last Friday, will leave for the interior next Monday.

British residents in Italy are not being discouraged by the Consulate from leaving at their convenience.

The Fascist "poster war" has been a complete failure in so far as it is a deliberate attempt to stir up anti-British feeling.

Following representations by the South African charge d'affaires to the police, the posters were removed from the wall of the South African Legation. — Reuter.

"Cordial Interview"

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Minister to Cairo was received yesterday by the Egyptian Prime Minister, it is announced, and they had a long and cordial interview. — Reuter.

SAME OLD "TOMMY"

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

"LIBRE BELGIQUE," IN AN ARTICLE ON THE BRITISH TROOPS, SAYS: THEY RETURN WITH THEIR LITTLE MANNERISMS WHICH DURING THE LAST WAR WERE THE OBJECT OF FRIENDLY JOKES.

They return with their phlegm, humour and sporting spirit, especially their courage, which sometimes borders on rashness, and finally with equipment the very sight of which strengthens our population's confidence in the efficacy of their intervention. — Reuter.

SWEDISH MINEFIELDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Minefields have been established at all strategical points in Swedish territorial waters.

A special notification has been issued for navigators and pilots and will be put at the disposal of ships entering the mined area. — Havas.

U.S. EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS TO STAY PUT

Brussels, To-day.

In no circumstances will the United States Embassy leave Brussels, it is understood here.

It is recalled that during the whole of the last war, when Brussels was in German hands, the United States Embassy remained and the American Minister rendered his services to the oppressed Belgians and Allied subjects, and made strenuous but unavailing efforts to secure the reprieve of Nurse Cavell. — Reuter.

PLANS FOR HOUSING REFUGEES

London, To-day.

Many Belgian and Dutch civilian refugees are expected to arrive in Britain very soon. Many took refuge there in 1914.

Most of them will eventually stay in private homes, but at the moment temporary quarters are being provided in public halls and buildings and the Empire sports building at Wembley.

France is expecting some 800,000. Crowds of women, children and the aged are now arriving in Paris by train from Belgium and are being distributed throughout the country.

In Belgium itself, refugees are pouring through Brussels to Flanders on their way from the eastern provinces. — Reuter.

DUTCH NAZIS BEING ROUNDED UP

Amsterdam, To-day.

Lorryloads of Dutch Nazis are being convoyed by police armed with revolvers to police headquarters.

The mopping up of groups of German parachutists continues and Dutch detachments are watching all the main roads.

Groups of more than three civilians have been banned and people are forbidden to walk about the streets with hands in pockets. Railway traffic, telephones and telegraphs are interrupted and the post is available only for postcards and letter cards. — Reuter.

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Black-Out Road To Bankruptcy

The black-out for the purpose of preventing navigation in the air and the blotting out of military targets is one thing. The black-out and evacuation of London is quite another, and is causing ruin and loss of efficiency.

Sir John Anderson has admitted the former object, and no one will be prepared to argue that matter. At the same time he has admitted that the prevention of prospective civilian casualties is a secondary consideration. It was not so when the war started, but now we know where we are.

Before the war started, terrifying estimates were made of the casualties that would occur in a German raid on London—200,000 is the rumoured figure, and it has not been denied in debate. It was an estimate made by the Air Ministry, based on excessive respect for air power, particularly German air power. There was nothing approaching such casualties in the month's bombing of Poland. The bombing of Finland and the rare casualties there make the estimated figure ridiculous.

Faced with these figures from "experts" the Government evacuated London and almost evacuated themselves. Now, when we see on the cinema screen the exhortation, "Don't panic; be British," audiences burst into laughter.

I shall win the bet I made that not a bomb would be dropped on London in the first six months of the war, but that is no consolation. The damage to London and to our reputation for common sense has been done—worse, those who have done it still decide what is to be done, and must justify themselves. So we shall go on evacuating and blacking out to the end of the three years' war.

There is no harm in announcing the estimated figure of casualties—none at all, except that it makes fools of the estimators. Hitler, learning that that was the estimated figure, will be less likely to raid and so disillusion us. Fear is his best weapon, and costs him nothing in petrol or machines.

It becomes progressively more certain that there will be no danger of civilian casualties here till after we have bombed Germans; nor is it likely even then, owing to the four-fold distance that their machines must fly, and to the temper of the British people—more easily angered than terrorised.

Those who remember the shelling of Hartlepool and Scarborough in 1914 can testify to the hardening effect of civilian murder on this people.

What, then, is our chief difficulty in bringing to an end the black-out and evacuation of London? It is just this, that the governors—or some of them—are afraid to admit a change of mind.

No man worth following should care, least of all in war, about justifying himself. It is the stamp of little minds. Churchill and Baldwin have admitted frequently that they were wrong—Chamberlain and Halifax that they were wrong about Hitler. Even the Admiralty can admit that they

were wrong about monster battleships.

It is only recently that the supreme value of the export trade has been admitted. Unless we all change our minds about many things—Hitler offensives, for instance—we are doomed to lose the war. For now consider the other side.

What does the universal black-out and evacuation mean if persisted in? First, universal discouragement, the killing of the determination of this people; second, the hampering of the

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export trade on which alone we can live; third, the ruin of great masses of people, particularly in London.

I will not stress the discouragement, every M.P. returning from his constituency will vouch for it. Nor need one tell of the effect of black-out on transport and production.

What every responsible statesman should consider is the undeserved ruin in London. It is not only the caterers of the West End who face bankruptcy with hopelessness. In the East End, too, furniture workers, carpet-makers, clerks, shop assistants, all the unskilled trades are thrown out of work by the killing of London.

Government orders and new factories go far away to where it is supposed to be safer. We are the best-defended city in the Empire, and therefore safest; and still banks, offices, Government departments, and the timid rich fly away to a "safety" which does not exist to the same extent elsewhere.

All await a word from the Government of a brave people. When will that word come? Mr. Churchill cannot win the war alone.

TEN AIR RAID ALARMS IN AMSTERDAM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.

No less than 10 air raid alarms were sounded here yesterday. Anti-aircraft batteries went into action every time, preventing the raiders from dropping bombs.—Havas.

SPECTACLES SNATCHED FROM FACE

Mr. William Pope, residing at Empress Lodge, while walking in Chatham Road yesterday, had his spectacles snatched from his face.

Fatally injured after falling from his bed, a Chinese, Chan Fai-yau, residing at Tai-po, died in the Kowloon Hospital yesterday shortly after being admitted. He broke his neck.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



QUEEN WILHELMINA IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands arrived in London yesterday and was met at the station by King George.

The Queen's arrival in England follows that of Prince Juliana and her daughters, Princess Beatrix and Princess Irene, and her consort, Prince Bernhard.

Queen Wilhelmina arrived in a special train of only three coaches, escorted by officers and soldiers of the Dutch Royal Guard, and British soldiers in battle dress and steel helmets.

She looked sad and forlorn as she stepped from the train. The King shook hands with her and kissed her on both cheeks.

Wan Smile

She smiled wanly when she saw Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard who both kissed her.

The Dutch soldiers stood to attention as Queen Wilhelmina stepped on to the platform, and the British soldiers presented arms.

The Dutch Minister in London and the Dutch Foreign and Colonial Ministers were also present.

The crowd cheered as the King and Queen Wilhelmina drove in the royal car to Buckingham Palace.

Last night Queen Wilhelmina received at Buckingham Palace the Dutch Ministers who are in London.

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Colonial Minister and the Dutch Minister in London were present.—Reuter.

Havas adds that Princess Juliana was received at Liverpool Street station by the Earl of Harewood on behalf of the King.

BRITISH STEPS TO DEAL WITH PARACHUTISTS

London, To-day.

Britain is continuing to adopt measures to deal with parachute troops.

All strategic points are guarded by troops and protected with barbed wire.

In many towns, N.C.O.s, even when off duty, carry rifles and ammunition, while police stations have supplies of arms ready to distribute in an emergency.

In connection with the instructions to people to report the landing of parachute troops to the nearest police station immediately, it is pointed out that a rough guide to distinguishing between the crew of an R.A.F. plane having to bail out and parachute troops is that the largest number which will drop from a British plane is six.

Police patrols of open spaces, particularly wooded areas which might provide good cover, have been intensified.

The work of rounding up 3,000 enemy aliens under the recent order is almost completed.

They are males between the ages of 16 and 60 living in an area right down the East Coast from Inverness and across Kent, Sussex and Hampshire. They are being sent to internment camps.

All male foreigners in these areas, numbering about 11,000, have drastic restrictions on their movements.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN'S STATEMENT

London, To-day.

Replying to a Commons question, the new War Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said the creation of means to deal with enemy landings by para-

CRUSHING JAPANESE DEFEAT

Chungking, To-day.

Crushingly defeated, the Japanese forces in south Honan are now in full retreat toward Sinyang. All important towns west of the railway line, including Tungpeh, Miyang and Tangho, have returned to Chinese control.

A Japanese unit retreating from Tungpeh was yesterday overtaken and annihilated. Another unit retreating on the Miyang-Kioshan highway was intercepted at Maotsi and Kuhsien, suffering severe losses.

After recapturing Mingkiang, 24 miles north of Sinyang, the Chinese are sweeping along the Peiping-Hankow line.

South of Sinyang, the Chinese have reoccupied Liulin, Paikomiao and Lichiatsi and caused heavy damage to the railroad.

Areas around Shangchow, northeast of Fancheng, have been cleared of Japanese troops. East of TsaoYang, the Chinese have retaken Chingmingpu.—Central News.

CHINESE JUBILANT

Chungking, To-day.

A dispatch from Shanghai reports excitement over the Chinese victories on the Hupeh-Honan border.

News of the victories we splashed with big headlines in most of the Chinese papers.—Central News.

NAZI AIRMEN ORDERED TO TERRORISE

London, To-day.

A message from a German ground station to a Nazi aeroplane has been intercepted by the R.A.F., and its text was released by the Air Ministry yesterday afternoon. The message, which was in German and not in code, ran:—

"Note civilian refugees also on the road. Harass these as much as possible."

The plane acknowledged receipt of the message, which was transmitted early yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

END OF CASH AND CARRY FOR ORDINARY PURCHASES SUGGESTED

Washington, To-day.

Abolition of the cash and carry restriction on Allied non-military purchases in the United States is proposed in a resolution submitted to Congress by Mr. Bulwinkle, a member of the House of Representatives.

He advocates amending the Johnson Act and the Neutrality Act to permit the extension of credits to the belligerents for all purchases except arms, ammunition and implements of war.—Reuter.

DROVE INTO FIELD

Mr. P. W. Carderara, residing at the European Y.M.C.A., was driving car No. 1203 in Taipo Road last night and in the darkness, mistook the line of the road and drove into a paddy field near the 8½-mile stone. The car was not damaged.

VALUABLE TROUSERS

Mrs. E. Petrov, of No. 23, Cameron Road, has reported that a thief broke into her residence between midnight and 5 a.m. yesterday, and stole a pair of trousers, the pockets of which contained \$154.

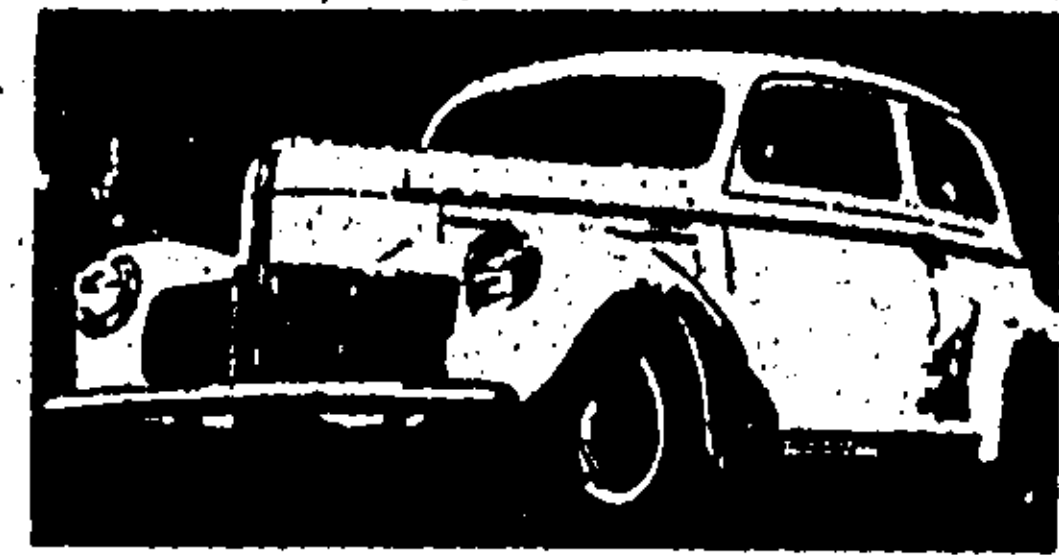
chute were receiving immediate attention.

Mr. Eden added he hoped to make a statement at an early date.—British Wireless.

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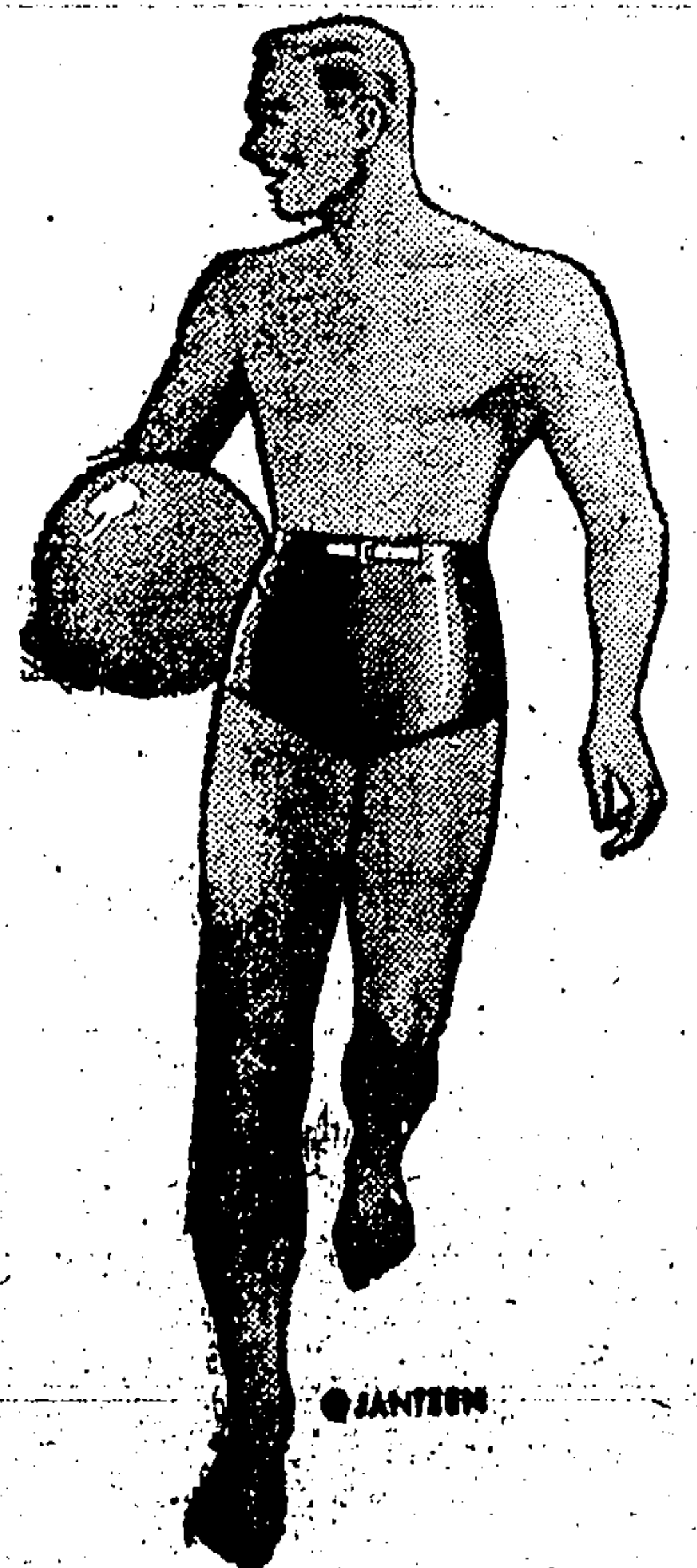
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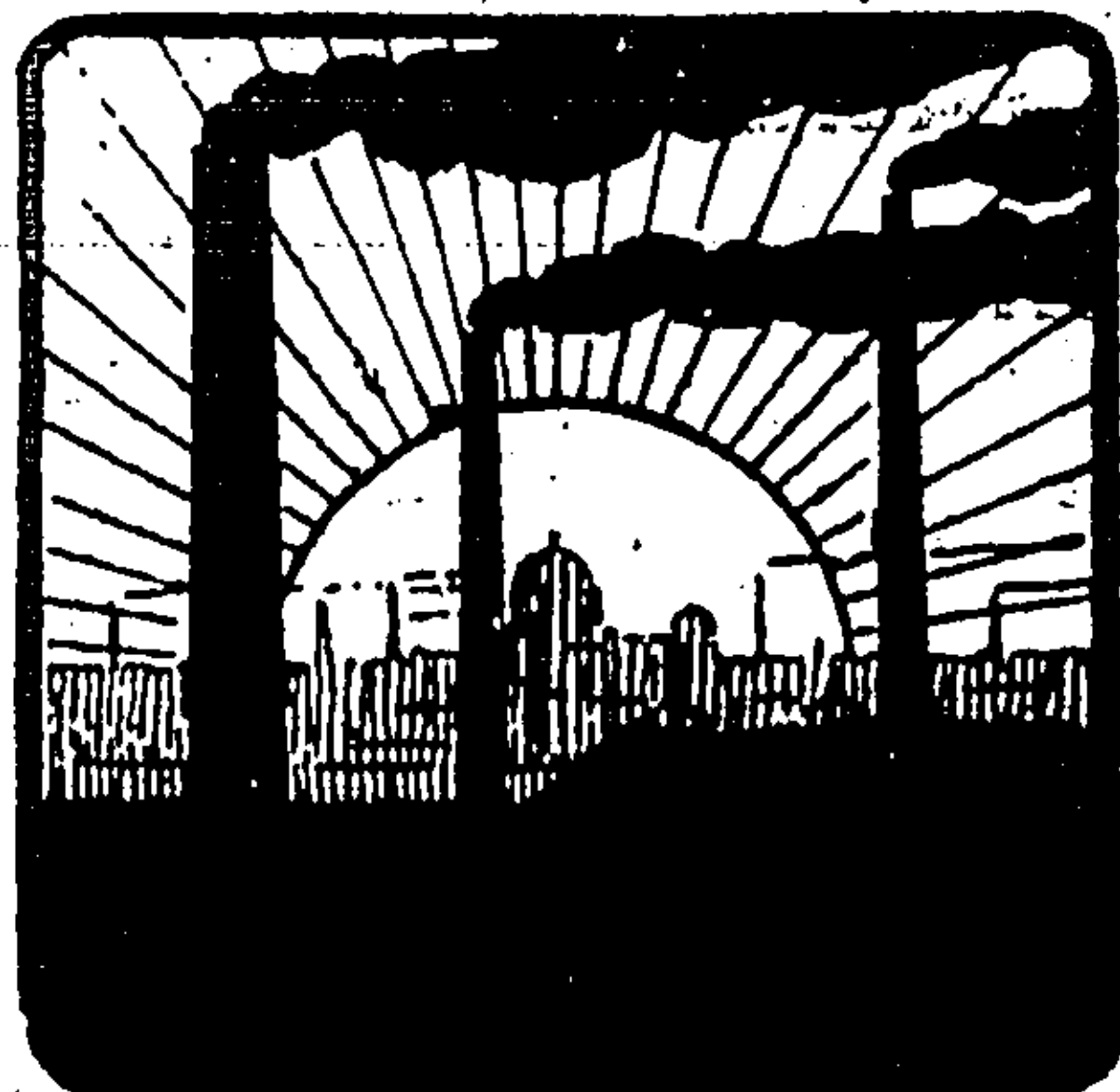
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NAVAL OFFICER FINED IN MANSLAUGHTER CASE

CONVICTED ON A CHARGE of manslaughter as the result of a motor accident, Kenneth Duncan Bruce, 24-year-old engineer officer attached to one of H.M. Ships, was fined \$500 by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning and granted six months in which to pay.

Bruce was found guilty of the manslaughter of Lam Shing-chi, on April 4, when he was alleged to have driven "recklessly without regard to life and limb" in Hennessy Road.

Asked by the Chief Justice what action the Attorney-General contemplated, Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, replied that whatever the outcome of the case, the Commissioner of Police intended to cancel accused's driving licence.

Counsel for the defence, the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Junior, said that the ship to which accused was attached was out of Hong Kong. The Captain of another ship, agreed to undertake responsibility for seeing that any restrictions imposed on the movements of accused were carried out.

GREAT ORDEAL

Addressing accused, the Chief Justice said: "I have given your case very long and careful consideration during the week-end. I know the very great ordeal you have been through and that it must have caused a deep and lasting impression on you. I am not going to put any restrictions on you, as your Counsel suggested, as I believe the interests of justice have been served by the conviction."

"It will do me no good; do you no good, and justice no good if I send you to prison. You are engaged in important national defence work. Therefore, I propose to fine you \$500 and to give you six months to pay it. I put you on your honour to do your utmost to pay it."

To accused's Counsel, the Chief Justice said he hoped the fine would be paid in instalments in five months although he had given accused six months.

13 NOT LUCKY

The figure 13 may be lucky for some but it did not prove so for Sergeant-Major C. S. Woodcock, of Royal Engineers.

Yesterday, the 13th, shortly after tiffin, S. M. Woodcock was driving car No. 13 on the Castle Peak Road. When approaching the 13th milestone, he temporarily lost control of his car on the slippery road and collided with a tree.

Fortunately he was not injured although the car was extensively damaged.

INTERESTING ARGENTINE PROPOSAL

Washington, To-day.

A proposal by the Argentine Foreign Minister that the nations of North and South America should abandon neutrality in favour of non-belligerency, is to be considered by the State Department.

Officials there, however, find several legal and other objections to the proposal.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, commented on the proposal to the press yesterday, saying the United States naturally gave the fullest consideration to ideas and views suggested by any friendly country or countries, but that did not mean the U.S. Government would subscribe to them.

He said it was not true in any sense that the Argentine move was suggested by Washington.

Not Optimistic

Political observers are not optimistic that a change from neutrality to non-belligerency for the 21 American Republics can be achieved in the near future.

It would require in the United States the repeal of the present neutrality legislation. This is a step the Administration might hesitate to take in election year, while there is no indication that Congress would favour such a move.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DISASTER

London, To-day.

A telegram from Chungking, dated May 11, received by the Chinese Embassy in London, states:

"Despatches from the Honan and Hupeh fronts estimate the Japanese sustained over 10,000 killed and wounded up to yesterday noon. The battle is still proceeding."

"The Chinese have seized huge quantities of ammunition and supplies."—Reuter.

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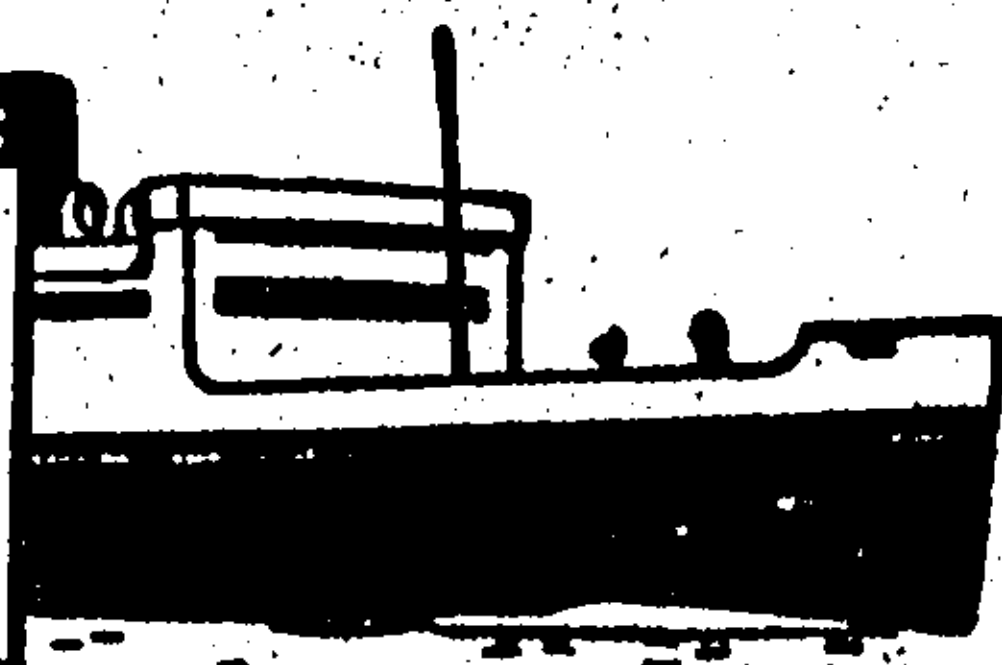
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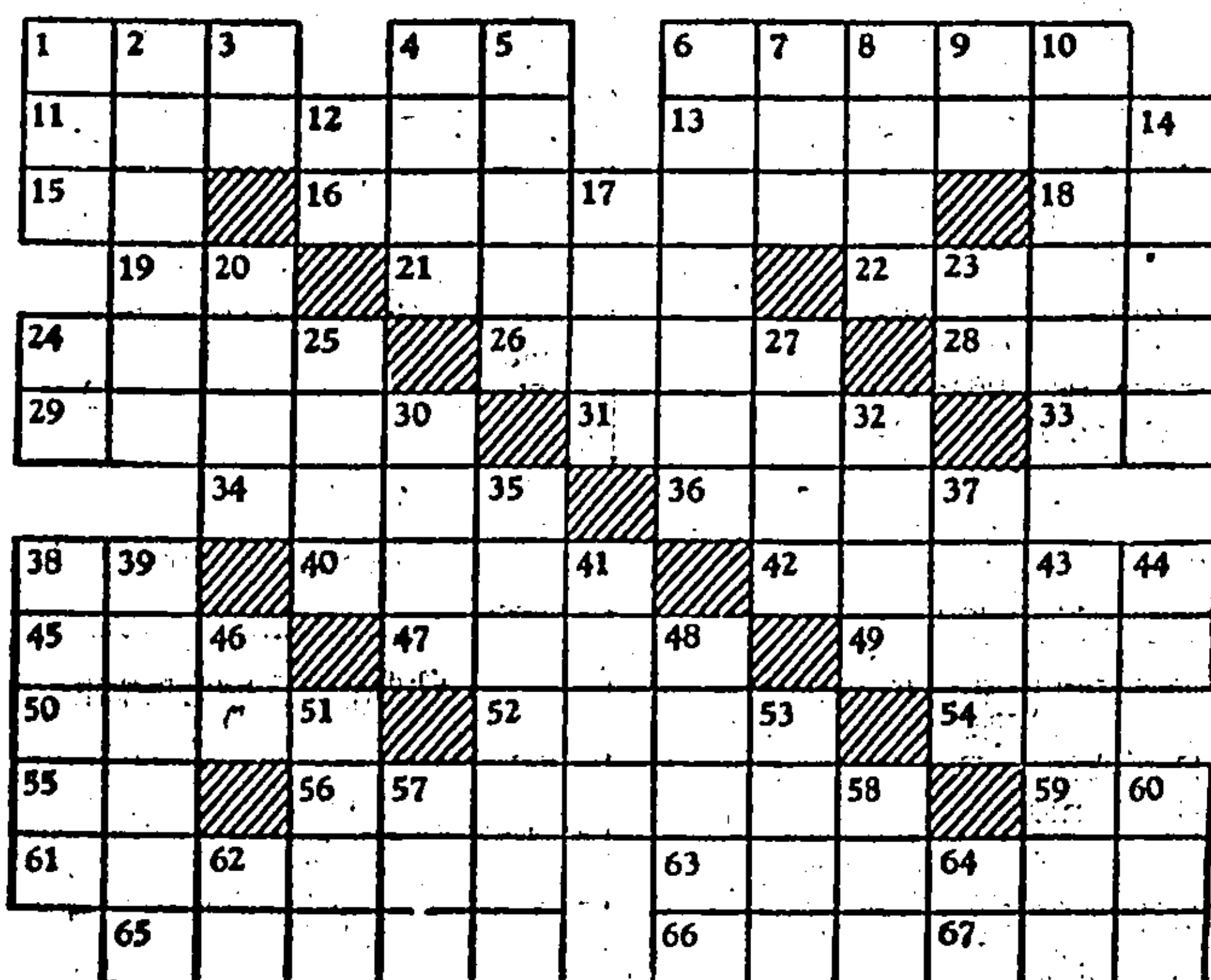
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- 11 To cultivate
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- 15 Spanish article
- 16 Tars
- 18 Italian river
- 19 Pronoun
- 21 Coral ridge
- 22 Always
- 24 Giant
- 26 Wind instrument
- 28 Silkworm
- 29 Edible mollusk
- 31 Withered
- 33 Symbol for samarium
- 34 Bow of ship
- 36 Outbreak
- 38 Land measure
- 40 Silkworm
- 42 To follow
- 45 Allowed
- 47 Former English queen
- 49 Grit
- 50 Medley
- 52 Cane
- 54 Japanese measure

VERTICAL

- 55 Compass point
- 56 Church dignitary
- 59 Preposition
- 61 To cause to be loved
- 63 Deep table-dish
- 65 Shades
- 66 Printer's measure
- 67 Fruit drink

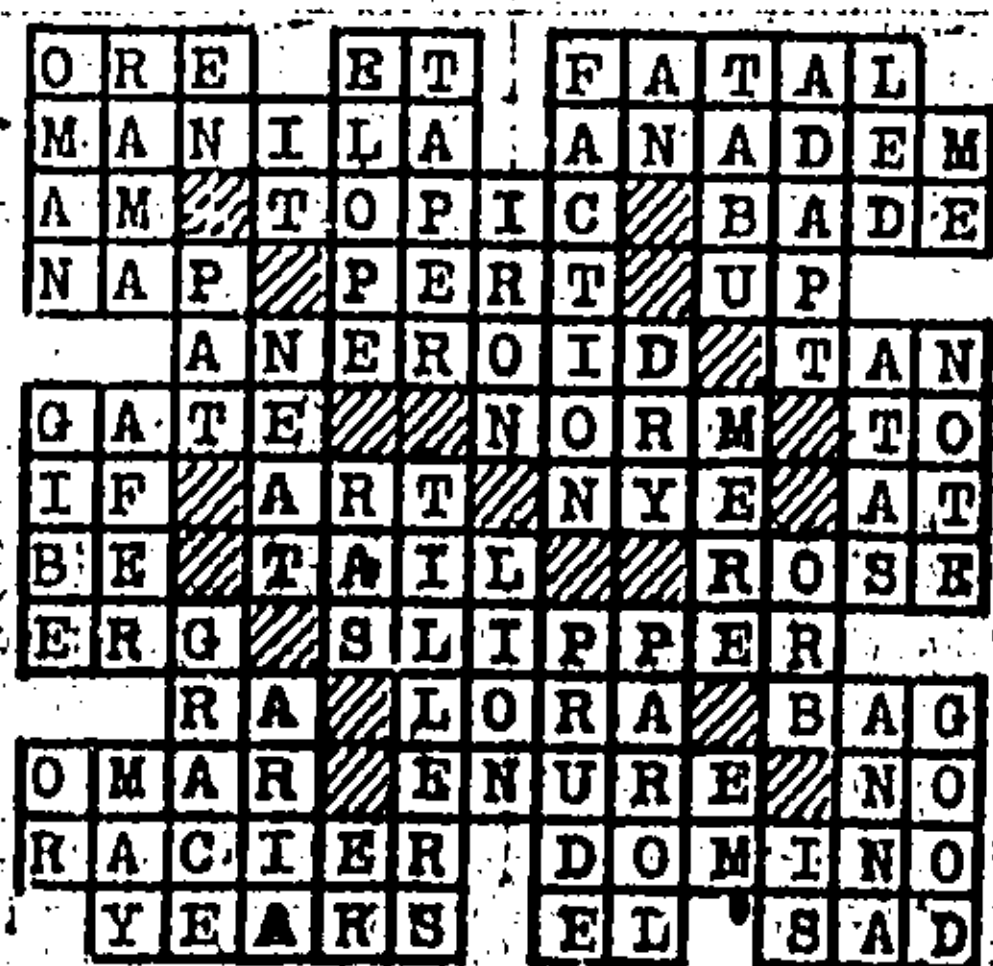
VERTICAL

- 1 Simian
- 2 To place in a row
- 3 Artificial language
- 4 Gelatinous substance
- 5 Robber
- 6 To give
- 7 Gaelic sea-god
- 8 Tranquility
- 9 While

VERTICAL

- 10 Heavy drinkers
- 12 Pronoun
- 14 Water-raising apparatus
- 17 Garlands
- 20 Snare
- 23 Brother of Odin
- 24 Bone
- 25 Ireland
- 27 Indian tribe
- 30 Brilliantly coloured snake
- 32 Vast ages
- 35 Hibernates
- 37 Former ruler
- 38 Solely
- 39 To yield
- 41 Dye-plant
- 43 Joined
- 44 Suffix denoting past tense
- 46 Note of scale
- 48 Growing out
- 51 To begin
- 53 To stupefy
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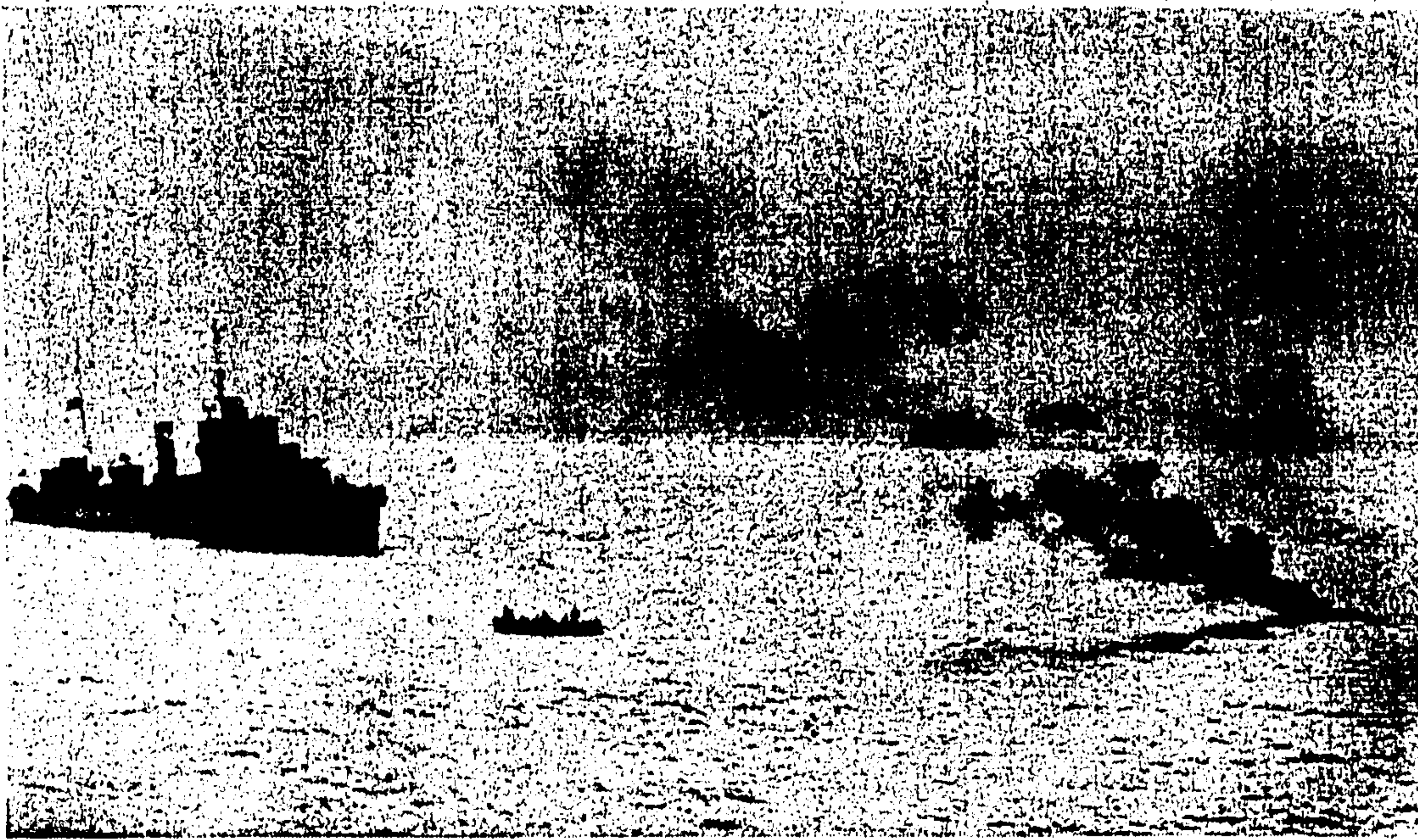
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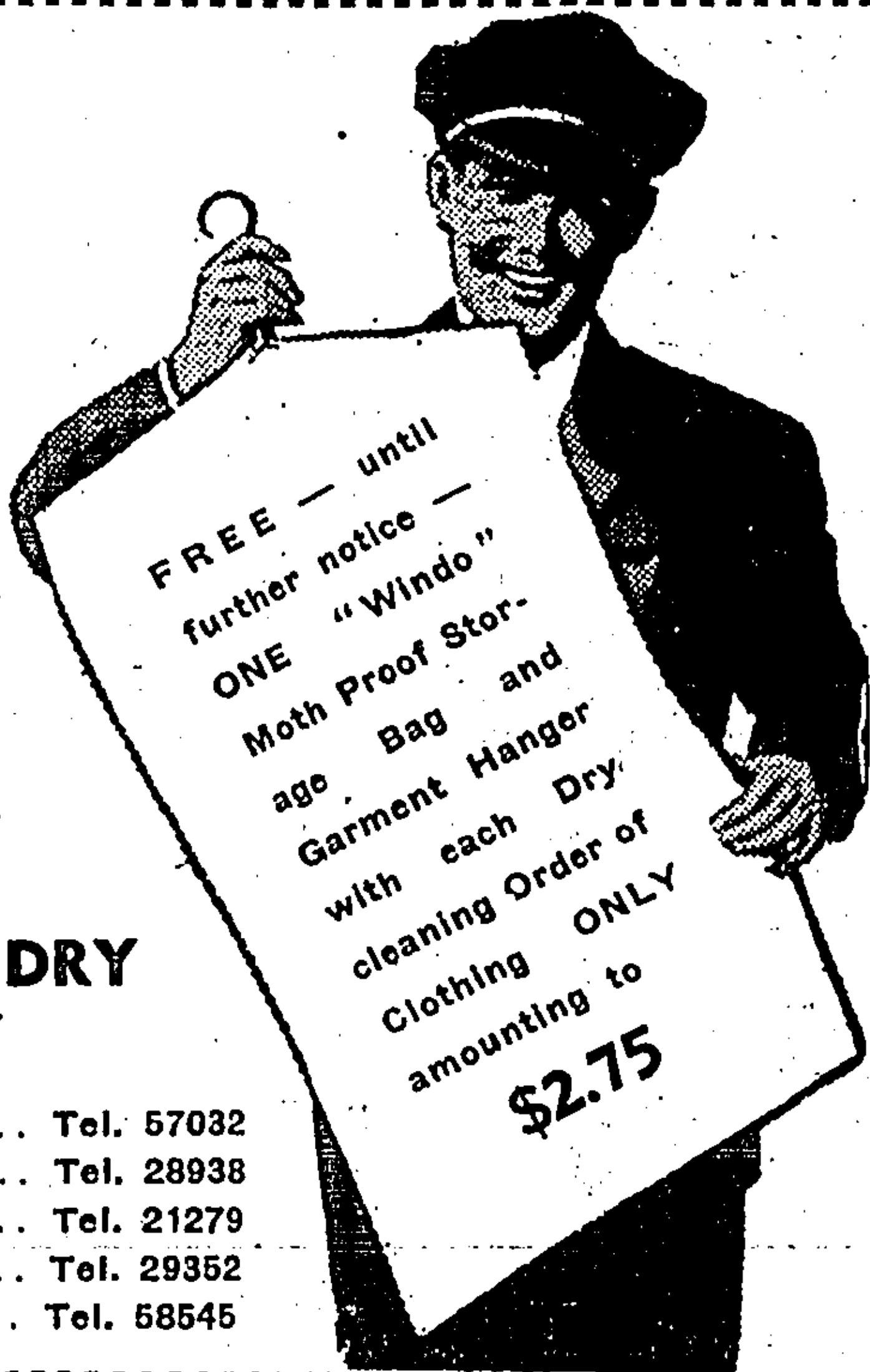
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NAVAL PATROL OFF LOW COUNTRIES

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communique states: "Since the German invasion of Holland and Belgium strong naval forces have been operating continuously off the coast of these two countries in spite of repeated bombing attacks having been made on them.

Allied operations on land have been supported. Enemy troops landing from the air on aerodromes and beaches have been bombarded.

Refugees have been evacuated from the war area and brought to this country."—British Wireless.

HIS BROTHER CO-RESPONDENT

A brother cited his own brother as co-respondent in the Divorce Court.

He was Mr. Reginald Malcolm Burge, of Brockwell Court, Brixton, S.W., and he cited his brother, Mr. Edward Burge.

He was granted a decree nisi, with costs, on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hilda Burge.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Burge married in 1929. They lived in London hotels and in Paris.

The case for Mr. Burge was that his wife left him in 1937, and he alleged that she and his brother afterwards committed adultery.

DEVILS MADE MOTHER KILL

A mother, said to be acting under the belief that "demons were chasing her," beat three of her children to death with a hammer in Los Angeles, U.S.A., and then died on a flaming mattress after setting her hair on fire.

The woman's fourth child, a girl of eleven, told the police that her mother beat her with a hammer after she had entered their home and found her brother and two sisters dying.

The child related how her mother ignited her hair and fell screaming on to the mattress, shouting: "Hit me, I can't stand the pain."

The girl, according to the police, said that she struck her mother with the hammer about twenty times until it broke and added: "I guess I must have hit her fifty times."—Associated Press.

GOLF RESULTS

Following are the results of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Whitsunday Meeting at Fanling:

Stableford (Old Course):—I. H. C. Highet 24+18=40 first; F. W. Chandler 25+14=39 second.

Other scores:—G. T. Harrington 20+18=38; Major W. G. Harvey 29+9=38.

There were 46 entries. Medal Round (Old Course):—Major W. G. Harvey 80—10=70.

There were 11 entries. New Course:—Bogey Par and Mixed Bogey Par were cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

HAPPY VALLEY

Adamson Cup May 3—12. G. E. Willerton 61—12=69 qualifies.

There were 18 entries.

H.K.F.C. TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Hong Kong Football Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

First Division:—(v Police R.C. at P.R.):—J. H. Gelling, G. S. Graner, J. Watson, A. Brooksbank (skip); J. S. Howell, A. W. Flodges, G. Duncan, W. Gill (skip); A. B. Didsbury, L. E. Lammert, K. S. Robertson, N. J. Bobbington (skip).

Third Division:—(v K.B.G.C. at H.K.F.C.):—F. P. Anslow, C. G. Solis, B. A. Mansele, H. G. Wallington (skip); A. Watson, B. I. Bickford, C. F. Needham, G. E. Stephens (skip); H. H. Beddew, T. R. Rowell, J. L. Barnes, S. H. Strange (skip).

VISCOUNTCY FOR SIR JOHN SIMON

London, To-day.

The King has approved that a Viscounty of the United Kingdom be conferred on Sir John Simon on his appointment to be Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain.—British Wireless.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1500 sa.

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H.K. Fire Ins. \$171 b., \$175 s.

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United Paracales Ps. .18 sa.

"QUIETLY STEADY" ON THE STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange, like other sections of the business community, sacrificed its Whitsun holidays yesterday.

The market was quietly steady with gilt-edged securities leading the market and home industrials moving higher. Oils also recovered while Kafirs responded to quiet Cape support. Indian Government bonds were slightly lower.

Wall Street was irregular and later sharply lower.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 21-3/16 spot and 21-1/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$3.16.

BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

Stating that he switched on a spot light for two seconds during the Black-out to avoid a possible accident when a Chinese woman suddenly ran across his car in Hankow Road, R. J. V. Everest, Jr., of the Government Electrical Works, Chatham Road, was cautioned by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Pleading guilty by letter to failing to screen her car lights properly in Salisbury Road during the Exercise, Miss W. Wicket, of Pratt Building, was fined \$10.

Mrs. V. C. Labrum, of Ye Olde Printers, was fined \$5 for leaving "parking" lights while parked in Nathan Road that night.

A similar fine was imposed on Frank Burrell, of Butterfield and Swire, for failing to screen all lights near the Peninsula Hotel. He said he had not intended to use the car as he was leaving for Australia with the car that day.

A STRANGE CONCOCTION

Fong Ping-leung, 23, was before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with stealing a box containing a concoction of elephants' hearts, and two rhinoceros horns, valued at \$346, from No. 384, Queen's Road West.

Au Sum, 36, described as a shop accountant, was charged with receiving the rhinoceros horns.

Defendant sold the horns to the second defendant for \$20, and Au re-sold one of them for \$97.

Fong who had three previous convictions for larceny, was sentenced to three months' hard labour. Second defendant was fined \$250.

Det. Sergt. R. Mcvey conducted the prosecution.

OLD RACKET FAILS

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, Luk Kan-yuen, 27, canvasser, was charged with obtaining money by means of a forged document, and possession of forged documents.

Det.-Sergt. Bentley said that on Sunday, defendant went to the Kong Ming tea house in Ewo Street and produced a bill, purporting to be issued by the "Star Evening News," for \$12 for advertising fees. As the owner had already paid he detained defendant. Six other forged bills were found in defendant's possession.

He was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

ABSCONDENCE ALLEGED

A foki, employed in the Tak Shing Moneychangers' Shop at No. 130, Connaught Road Central, was alleged to have absconded with \$1,692, according to a report made to the Police to-day by the proprietor.

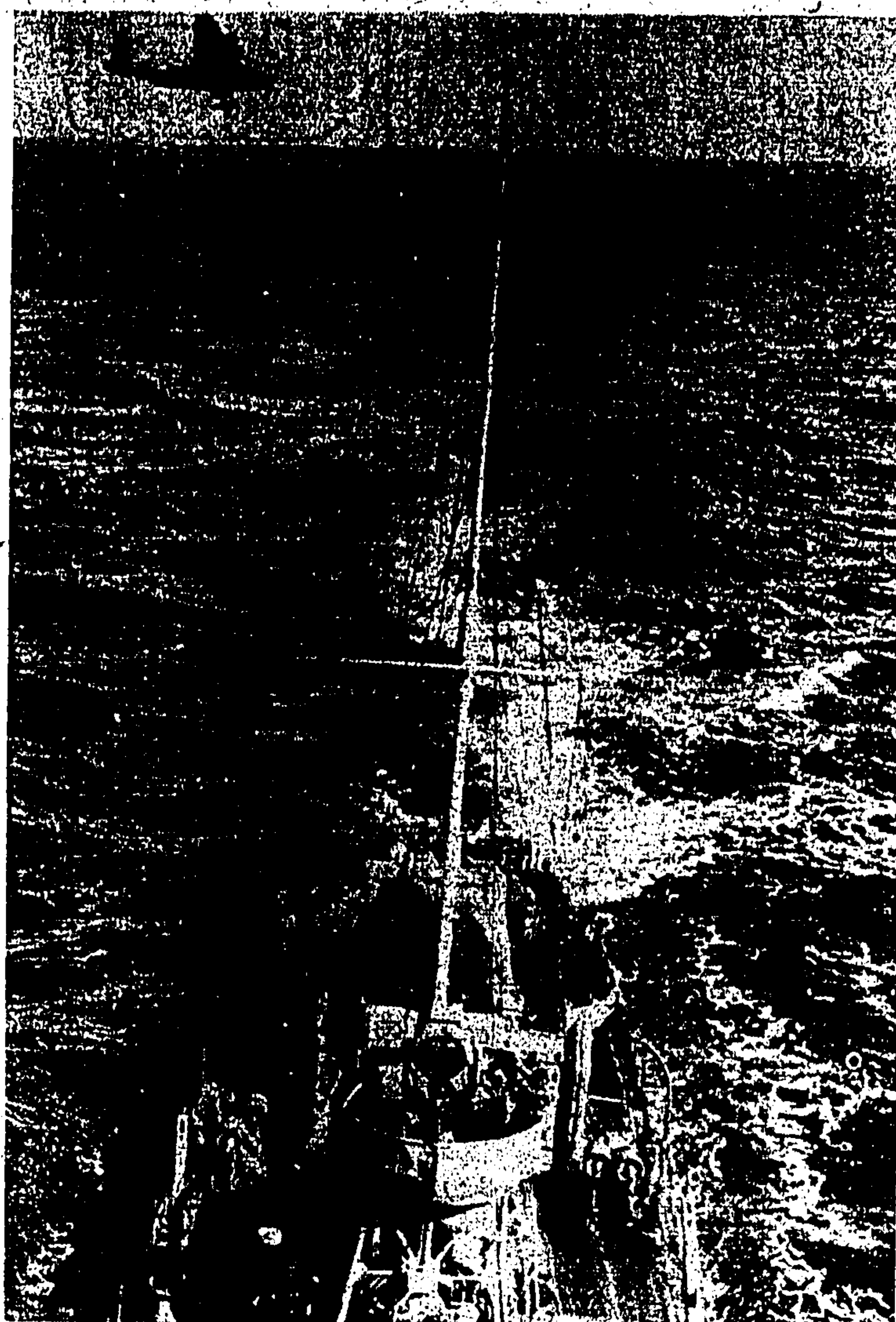


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ANNUAL MEETING OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS

The annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., was held at noon to-day. The chair was taken by Mr. A. L. Shields, who was supported by Dr. J. W. Anderson, Mohamed Nemazee, Li Tse Fong and G. A. Pentreath, directors; Mr. H. R. Sturt, managing director; and Mr. E. R. Childe, secretary. The chairman said:—

In the Life Assurance Department New Business Premiums at \$118,605 compare with New Business Premiums of \$126,471 last year. Renewal Income has increased, and the total Premiums at \$669,784 show an increase compared with the figure of \$601,417 in 1938. Death Claims at \$117,899 show an increase over the figure of \$87,852 last year, but the Claim Rate is not unduly high. Claims by Maturity, which can of course be estimated in advance, amount to \$112,236, as compared with \$43,967 in 1938, a corresponding liability having been released. Surrenders have increased from \$137,413 to \$152,169. Expenses, excluding commission, show a decrease from \$281,446 to \$214,147.

The Life Assurance Fund increased normally from \$324,436 to \$371,376, and this has been further increased, as will be explained later, by the transfer of \$350,000 from Profit and Loss Account and General Reserve, bringing the figure at the end of the year to \$1,221,376.

In the Fire Insurance Department Premiums at \$101,623 compare with the figure of \$102,859 in 1938. Claims at \$45,207 are about the same as last year. Expenses, excluding commission, have been again reduced from \$20,356 to \$19,331.

The Fire Insurance Fund, before making any transfer, increased from \$93,148 to \$107,873.

A transfer of \$20,000 has been made from this account to the credit of Profit and Loss, and the Fund is carried forward at \$87,873 which is more than adequate to cover unexpired risks.

Premiums in the Marine Insurance Department at \$130,414 compare with the figure of \$122,942 in the 1938 account. Claims show an increase from \$46,140 to \$69,479. Expenses have been slightly reduced, and the Marine Insurance Fund shows an increase, before making any transfer, from \$167,892 to \$182,153. A sum of \$90,000 has been transferred from this account to the credit of Profit and Loss, bringing the figure at the end of the year to \$102,153 which is more than adequate to cover unexpired risks.

In the Accident Insurance Department Premiums at \$49,301 show an increase over last year's figure of \$44,176. Claims at \$25,604 compare with \$32,538 last year. The Accident Insurance Fund stands at \$20,381 compared with \$20,513 at the end of 1938.

In the Profit and Loss Account the interest credited amounted to \$67,691, as compared with \$53,626 in 1938. To this account we have, as stated, transferred \$20,000 from the Fire Account and \$90,000 from the Ma-

rine Account. Transfers have then been made of \$60,000 to the Investment and Exchange Reserve and \$125,000 to the Life Account already referred to.

The transfer of \$60,000 to the Investment and Exchange Reserve is made to make up the difference between the Market and Book Values of Stock Exchange Securities.

The Balance Sheet reflects the fall in the value of securities as at 31st December 1939. The actual depreciation was estimated to be \$179,612. This depreciation is mainly accounted for by the low values of British and Colonial Government Securities at the end of the year, the lower rate of exchange of the Chinese Silver Dollar and the depreciation in value of local Stock Exchange Securities. There has been a considerable recovery in the value of securities amounting to about \$150,000 since the end of the year.

The Stock Exchange Investments have been written down to cost where not already below cost, and the balance of the depreciation is provided for by the Investment and Exchange Reserve of \$89,697.

The value of the Stock Exchange Investments, after taking into account the Investment and Exchange Reserve, stands below the aggregate market value (less accrued interest and dividends) at 31st December 1939. A transfer of \$225,000 has been made from General Reserve to the Life Assurance Fund.

There has been an increase in Mortgages from \$199,452 to \$443,127, and also an increase in Policy Loans.

The total assets stand at \$3,304,661 against \$2,919,987 at 31st December 1938.

Generally speaking your Directors are satisfied with the trading progress of the Company which has in the past been somewhat slow owing to a number of unforeseen events, particularly the Hong Kong General Strike in 1925 just after we commenced business, the world trade depression between 1929 and 1933 which seriously affected our business in the Southern agencies, the Sino-Japanese hostilities which closed Canton and all China to business and resulted in the disastrous slump in the National Dollar, and, lastly, the World War.

At the present time there seems no reason why the Fire, Marine and Accident Departments, though small, should not continue to be profitable unless anything catastrophic happens.

As regards the Life Department the actuarial losses (after setting up full reserves) representing the cost of the establishment of this branch of the business, have been steadily decreasing for some years, and at the present time are quite small, the actuarial loss this year being, in fact, less than the profit which we have made from other departments.

The report and accounts, seconded by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, were passed unanimously. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. M. Nemazee, Mr. G. A. Pentreath and Dr. J. W. Anderson were re-elected directors, and Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors for the year at \$1,250 each.

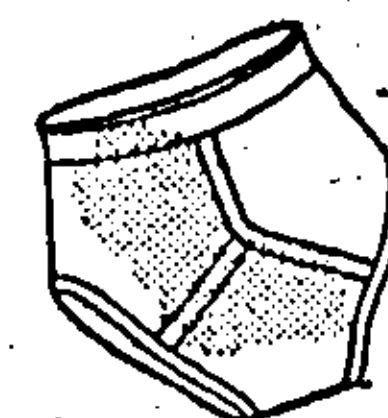


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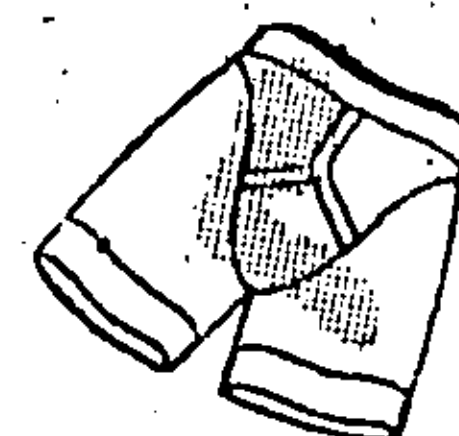
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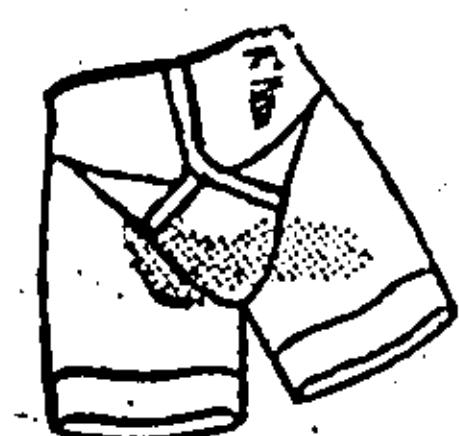
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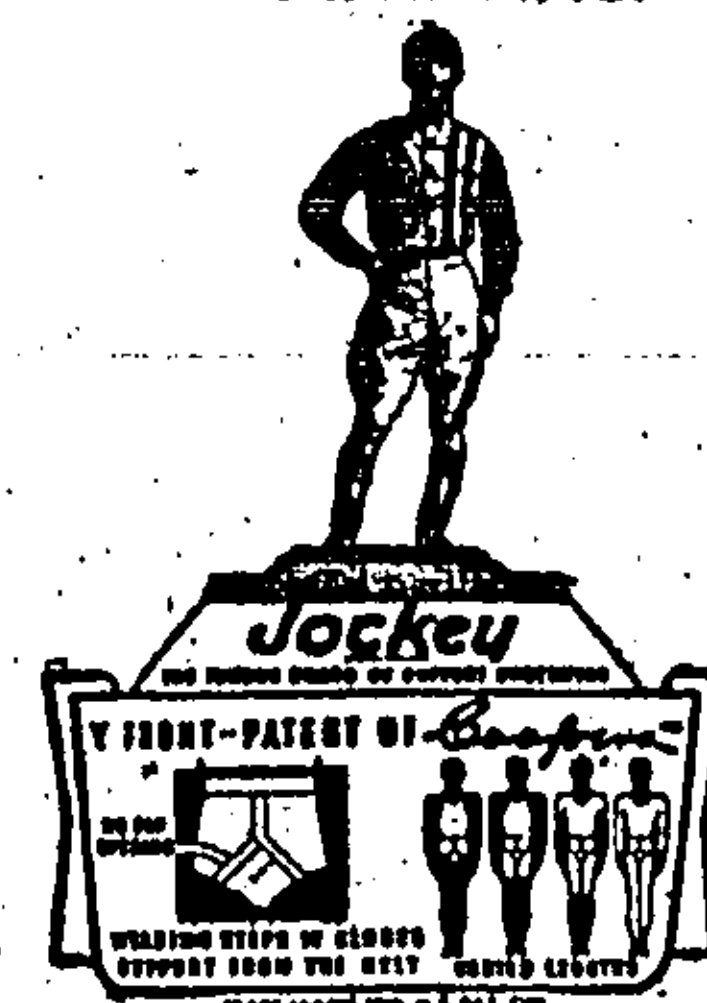


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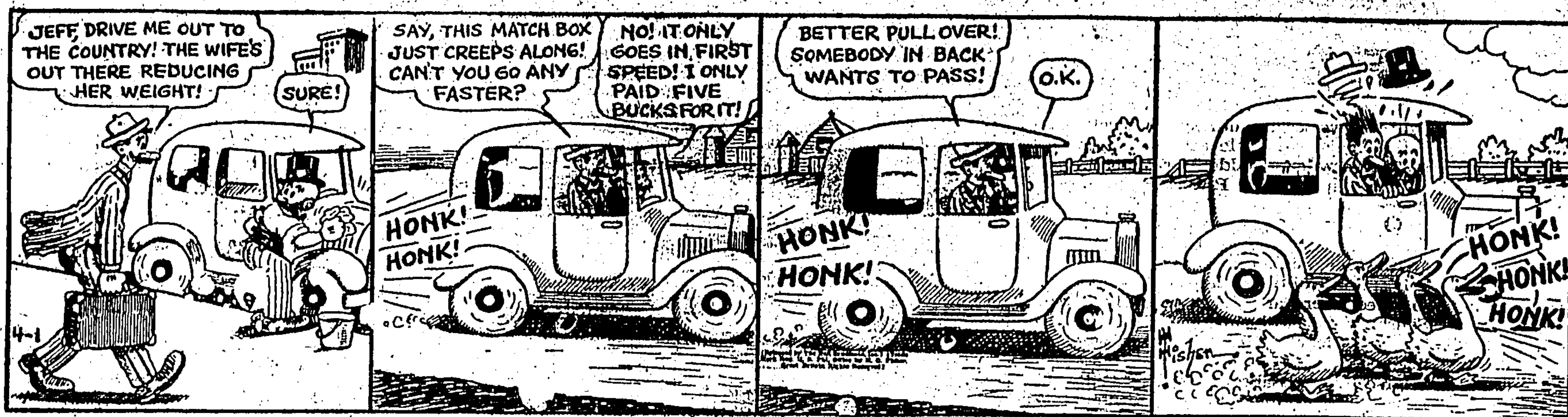
EUROPEAN GIRL BITTEN BY DOG

A European child, Mary Wheeler, of No. 277, Prince Edward Road, was bitten by a dog, owned by her grandfather Mr. G. Fowler, at the above address yesterday. The animal was sent to Matakok for observation. The girl was treated privately.

Miss A. M. Laxe, No. 7, Hillwood Road, was treated at Kowloon Hospital after she had been bitten by a dog, owned by Mrs. Ribeiro, of the same address.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved eastward to south Japan, and the depression is now situated in the vicinity of Hokkaido.



First Act of
"La Tosca"

To-day's Wireless

Schumann
Concerto

6.00 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in D Minor. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Faure. Ballade, Op. 19.... Marguerite Long (Piano) with Orchestra cond. by Philippe Gaubert.
En Priere.... Georges Thill (Tenor) with Maurice Faure at the Piano.
Elegie, Op. 24.... Maurice Marechal (Cello) with Piano by Maurice Faure.
Tarentelle, Op. 10, No. 2.... Germaine Cernay (Mezzo-Soprano) and Rene Talba (Tenor) with Joseph Benvenuti at the Piano.
7.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Flying High" Part I. Written and arranged by Alan Russell and Charles Brewer.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Singers on Parade. With Sam Costa, Helen Clare, Paula Green, George Barclay, Pat Hyde, Al Bowly, Marjorie Stedford, Jack Plant, Dinah Miller, Dan Donovan, Alice Mann and Jack Cooper with Felix Mendelssohn & His Orchestra.
8.18 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Blues In My Heart; Cocktail Swing.... Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Waltz—The Waltz Lives on (film 'Big Broadcast of 1938').... Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trots—Afraid to Dream (film 'You can't have everything'); Roll 'Em.... Benny Goodman &

His Orchestra.
Tangos—Moonlight Kisses; Poema.... Geraldo & His Gaucho Tango Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; You've Gotta Take Your Pick and Swing (film 'Let's make a Night of it').... George Elrick & His Swing Makers.
8.45 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestras. Other Days (Selection of Popular Melodies—arr. Finck).... De Groot & The New Victoria Orchestra.
"Gipsy Love"—Selection (Lehar).... De Groot & His Orchestra.
"Les Millions D'Arlequin"—Serenade (Drigo); Old Spanish Song (Aubert).... De Groot & The Piccadilly Orchestra.
Chanson Bohemienne (Boldi).... De Groot & His Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-

mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table".
9.45 p.m.—Violin Solos by Joseph Szigeti.
Caprice No. 24 (Variations In A Minor) (Paganini).... with Piano accomp. by Kurt Ruhrseitz.
Scherzo Valse (Chabrier).... with Piano accomp. by Nikita de Magaloff.
9.58 p.m.—Eileen Joyce at the Piano. Scherzo Op. 18, No. 2 (D'Albert). Solitary Traveller, Op. 43, No. 3; Brooklet, Op. 62, No. 4 (Grieg). Butterfly, Op. 43, No. 1; Melodie, Op. 47, No. 3 (Grieg).
10.10 p.m.—Puccini's "La Tosca" Act I. Singers in order of appearance: Piero Pauli (Tenor); Giovanni Azzimonti (Bass); Antonio Gelli (Baritone); Carmen Melis (Soprano); Apollo Granforte (Baritone); and Nello Palafr (Tenor), with Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabajno.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

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PUTTING PARTNER ON THE SPOT

Harry Fishbein, winner of the Masters' Pair title last year, recently invented a new bid in the middle of a hand. Fortunately, his partner was able to read its significance.

West, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
Mr. Fishbein
♠ A K J 9 5 3
♥ 6
♦ —
♣ A K 8 7 4 2
♠ 4 2
♥ A 5
♦ K Q J 10
♣ 9 7 6 3
N
W
E
S
♠ Q 10 8
♥ K J 10 3
♦ A 5 4 2
♣ J 10
♠ 7 6
♥ Q 9 8 7 4 2
♦ 8
♣ 9 6 5 3

The bidding:
West North East South
4♦ 5♦ Pass 5♥
Pass 5NT Pass 6♣
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass

Mr. Fishbein was naturally puzzled as to what to do over the opening four-diamond bid and finally decided on the cue-bid of five diamonds, in spite of the fact that he was sure his partner would respond in hearts—which South of course did. Then when Mr. Fishbein bid five notrump he expected his partner to read the message that he held a spade-club two-suit, the theory being that if he had heart support, he would simply have raised hearts.

As already reported, South read the message, bid the six clubs on four small, and was rewarded by making his doubled contract.

P. S. April fool! Actually, the five-notrump bid was too much for South, who went to six hearts. Mr. Fishbein then bid six spades, was doubled and set a trick. But if partner had read the bidding, six clubs would have been made.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday. Both sides were vulnerable and you held:

♠ Q x x
♥ x
♦ K J x
♣ A 10 9 8 x x

The bidding:
Maier You Jacoby Burnstone
1♠ 2♣ Pass 4♣
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. You really shouldn't have overcalled in the first place, and your partner could have jumped to five clubs with a really tremendous hand.

QUESTION NO. 409
You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ —
♥ A K 3
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ A Q 10 9 7 8

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Maier
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RECEPTION OF REFUGEES

LONDON, TO-DAY: ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE AUTHORITIES FOR THE RECEPTION AND ACCOMMODATION OF REFUGEES FROM HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

They will be received temporarily at centres in London, Lancashire, the West Riding of Yorkshire, Glasgow, Belfast and the Isle of Man, and from these centres they will in due course be dispersed to more permanent accommodation.

It is hoped to accommodate a proportion of the refugees in private houses.—Reuter.

THREE BURGLARIES IN A FORTNIGHT

Three burglaries in the space of a fortnight has been the lot of Sanitary Inspector A. C. Sinton, of 15 Grampian Road.

Latest occurred on Sunday. In his report to the Police Mr. Sinton stated that between 2.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Sunday, his house was entered and a sum of \$424 in cash removed from his bedroom.



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says she looks like the first flower of spring he's poking fun at her new Easter bonnet.

COMMONS ADJOURNS

London, To-day. The House of Commons has adjourned until May 21.—Reuter.



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TENNIS

Opening League Matches Should Provide Good Tussles

H.K.C.C. Expected To Extend Champions

RECREIO'S STRENGTH; WELL-BALANCED TEAM

By "Adrem"

WITH the prolonged week-end we have just had, it has not been possible to obtain all the selections for to-day's opening League tennis matches but from such knowledge of the teams as is available, it is fairly certain that there will be some excellent games.

In an article on "B" Division prospects last week, I was unable to discuss the Hong Kong Cricket Club team for the simple reason that I had no idea what it would be. It is now to hand, and an impressive line-up it is!

South China, despite their fine record of last season and the fact that they have much the same players, will have H. K. C. C. as their first opponents and, if they win this afternoon, they will definitely have to be considered a power in the land.

Number one pair for Club will be that seasoned combination of T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan. This pair met with considerable success last season and if they continue to play together in the "B" they should prove one of the most difficult pairs in this division to beat.

MONAGHAN FOR SENIORS?

As Monaghan has been named Cricket Club's "A" Division representative, however, it is logical to suppose that he will be turning out for the senior team.

Their second string, on paper, is also strong, it being Jimmie Ferguson and R. G. Beisel. Individually these players are both very good and provided each adapts his type of play to suit the other, they should do very well indeed.

Third pair will be Jowitt and Bathurst. The former I know as a very useful hard-hitting performer, but I cannot place Bathurst, although I have an idea that he played in the "B" last season.

Cricket Club, fresh from their annual tournament, are all in excellent practice and don't be too surprised if they create the first upset of the season this afternoon by beating the divisional champions.

Another good match this afternoon, provided both teams are at full strength, should be the Army-C.R.C. tie at Sookunpoo. Neither team is available, however, so any forecast of the result, with merely the registered players to work on, is obviously impossible.

RECREIO'S STRENGTH

Recreio have out an extremely useful-looking side and in view of their line-up for to-day, they must also be considered for the championship. Oliveira and Reed should be just the stolid types of players who are most difficult to beat over a single set, while Bertie Gosano and Albert Rodrigues are another pair with a lot of experience behind.

On paper L. A. Carvalho and F. J. Remedios are well up to the standard of the other two pairs, but it must be remembered that the latter has been out of the game for the best part of two years and his form this afternoon will be problematical.

In any event these three pairs should be quite strong enough to beat any team that Kowloon Tong can produce.

Craigengower have out one strong pair in Joe Leonard and Lee Wah-kek, a combination that entered for the Colony tournament, and have two other moderately steady pairs in Howard and Kitchell, and Lal and W. K. Wong. They will be without Robert Choa for this afternoon, however.

The Valley team should take the points from Indian Recreation Club but it should not be a one-sided game by any means.

MUCH EXPECTED OF GROSE AND ANDERSON

Civil Service, with two reliable pairs in the Agafuroff brothers and Bendall and Skinner, are expected to do well against K. C. C., who finished in the first three last year.

Much will depend on the form shown by F. Grose and Donald Anderson, the home team's first string.

Broadbridge and Mackay are inclined to be erratic and it is not yet certain who the third string will be—probably George White and "Sonnie" Capell, although in the event of the latter being unable to play, E. Zulauf, a new recruit, should not in any way weaken the team.

K.C.C., with a slightly better balanced team, should win but there is not likely to be much in it.

Following is to-day's programme and some of the teams:

PROGRAMME	
A. T. C.	v C. R. C.
K. T. G. C. A.	v Recreio
K. C. C.	v C. S. C. C.
I. R. C.	v C. C. C.
H. K. C. C.	v S. China

TEAMS

Club de Recreio—M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed; L. A. Carvalho and F. J. Remedios; B. T. Gosano and A. M. Rodrigues.
H.K.C.C.—T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan; R. G. Biesel and J. J. Ferguson; E. Bathurst and W. H. Jowitt.
I.R.C.—A. R. Kitchell and M. O. Hoosen; T. Ali and A. Rahmin; D. M. A. Razack and A. N. Other.
S.C.A.A.—Dew Chok-him and Ip Koon-hung; Li Wal-choi and Ho Wai-hing; Ma Wai-kong and A. N. Other.
C.C.C.—George Lai and W. K. Wong; Lee Wah-kek and J. W. Leonard; W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell.
K.C.C.—F. Grose and D. J. N. Anderson; N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge; G. A. White and R. S. Capell or E. Zulauf.
C.S.C.C.—I. Agafuroff and B. Agafuroff; J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner; D. Hollidge and A. N. Other.

K.C.C. TENNIS PRACTICE

An extensive mixed doubles tennis practice was held at Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday when the following pairs were seen in action: E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Williams; E. F. Fincher and Mrs. Kevan; A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Stokes; G. C. Burnett and Miss B. Harker; A. Crawford and Mrs. Sturgeon; S. A. Gray and Mrs. Sweeney; G. A. White and Mrs. Smeby; W. M. Gillard and Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Fowler; J. Sturgeon and J. Kevan and Mrs. White.

Following teams were selected yesterday evening for the opening matches on Friday:

"A" Team—E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Williams; A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Stokes; E. F. Fincher and Mrs. Kevan.
"B" Team—G. C. Burnett and Miss Harker; S. A. Gray and Mrs. Sturgeon; A. Crawford and Mrs. Sweeney.

K.I.T.C. SELECTIONS

The following will represent Kowloon Indians Tennis Club in the C. and D. Divisions of the Tennis League this

YESTERDAY'S CASH SWEEP RESULTS

Race 1		Race 2	
No. 2049	\$1,485.40	No. 1160	\$1,486.80
" 26	424.40	" 1892	424.80
" 1189	212.20	" 976	212.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	
Nos. 985, 1756, 3238, 665, 952, 2555, 3376, 1763, 1034, 7.		Nos. 3227, 2030, 108, 2769, 1761, 2310, 615, 3421, 252, 3423, 2566, 96, 2094.	
Race 3		Race 4	
No. 609	\$1,918	No. 847	\$1,894.20
" 3298	548	" 261	541.20
" 3737	274	" 3331	270.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	
Nos. 1651, 1787, 202, 3612, 1530, 1855.		Nos. 3467, 1027, 2850, 758, 2135, 2641, 655, 1855, 3212, 515, 3341, 3125.	
Race 5		Race 6	
No. 1660	\$2,297.40	No. 1001	\$2,293.90
" 1655	656.40	" 2631	655.40
" 1877	328.20	" 532	327.70
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	
Nos. 821, 2338.		Nos. 1161, 1043, 1823, 349.	
Race 7		Race 8	
No. 1446	\$2,193.80	No. 3681	\$2,368.80
" 791	626.80	" 2598	676.80
" 1309	313.40	" 3757	338.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	
Nos. 42, 4499, 4162, 659, 2872, 2466, 4329, 4095.		Nos. 3116, 1144, 4035.	
Race 9		Race 10	
No. 4793	\$2,356.90	No. 1773	\$4,554.20
" 2070	673.40	" 388	1301.20
" 145	336.70	" 4523	650.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		Unplaced ponies (\$100 each):	
Nos. 3304, 4804, 923, 1139, 3126, 1015.		Nos. 55, 3843, 1088, 1611, 453, 4604.	
Race 11			
No. 7019	\$3,703		
" 5500	1,058		
" 5672	529		
Unplaced ponies (\$250 each):			
Nos. 5549, 6041, 6403, 5699, 6469, 6336, 6068, 5848, 6066, 6602.			

TWO 100'S IN OPENING CRICKET MATCHES

London, To-day. No word is yet to hand as to how cricket will be organised in England during the summer but here are the results of two friendly two-day matches just completed.

Leicestershire beat Northamptonshire by eight wickets at Barwell, Northants.

Northants batted first and made 105, Drake taking 6 for 26. Leicestershire declared their first innings closed at 162 for 8 and then knocked off the 92 runs Northants had set them to get, for the loss of only two wickets.

Northants—105 (Drake 6 for 26) and 151.

Leicestershire—162 for 8 dec. and 96 for 2.

A match between Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, at Nottingham, was drawn. There were two centuries in this match, Alderman making 100 not out for Derbyshire, and G. F. H. Heane 101 for Notts.

Derby—239 and 201 for 6 dec. (Alderman 100 not out).

Notts—334 for 9 dec. (G. F. H. Heane 101) and 65 for 1.—Reuter.

week:—

C. Division v. C.B.A. (Home):—S. A. and S. S. Hussain, Firdos Khan and Dr. H. Mahan Singh, M. S. Hussain and G. Singh.

D. Division v. Craigengower (Home):—S. R. Salleh and M. Ramzan; C. M. Khan and M. H. Hassan; Jahan Dad and M. Singh.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The following are the latest results (Continued on Page 18)

HOLIDAY SOCCER

London, To-day. The following are the results of Football matches played yesterday:—

SOUTH "A"	
Norwich	3 Southend 2
SOUTH "B"	
Fulham	6 Reading 2
SOUTH "C"	
Millwall	0 Arsenal 2
Portsmouth	1 West Ham 1
SOUTH "D"	
Brighton	2 Aldershot 2
Palace	2 Queen's Pk. 2
MIDLAND LEAGUE	
Luton	3 Northampton 2
Wolves	5 Albion 4
EAST MIDLAND	
Notts Forest	1 Grimsby 1
WESTERN	
Manchester City	6 Crewe 2
Port Vale	3 New Brighton 0
Tranmere	5 Stoke 1
Wrexham	3 Manchester Utd. 2
NORTH-WESTERN	
Blackpool	11 Oldham 2
Southport	1 Bolton 8
SOUTH-WESTERN	
Cardiff	4 Newport 1
Plymouth	4 Bristol Rovers 1
Swansea	6 Bristol City 2
LIVERPOOL CUP FINAL	
Everton	6 Liverpool 3
SCOTTISH WESTERN	
Airdrie	4 St. Mirren 2

—Reuter.

HOME RUGBY

London, To-day.—Following are the results of Rugby League matches played yesterday:—

Batley	15 Dewsbury 0
Bradford	31 Hull Kingston 13
	Rovers 13
Hull	33 Keighley 14
Hull	25 Featherstone 5
Salford	13 Broughton 0
Wakefield	34 Huddersfield 18
York	13 Leeds 13
Wigan	13 Warrington 4

—Reuter.

FLUCTUATING FORTUNES IN CRICKET PLAY-OFF

Hunter, Fay And Lewis Do Well For Police

ABBAS, SUFFIAD AND RAMJAHN PROMINENT FOR THE LOSERS

By "Adrem"

IF the cricket in the junior play-off between Police and Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo on Sunday was at certain stages extremely dull, the excitement of the last half-hour made the trip to I.R.C. well worth the effort.

Police won a closely-contested game by the narrow margin of 5 runs and, by so doing, secured the junior shield for the first time in the history of the club.

Pulling well together as a team, keters will go to Clifford Pope, their captain, and his extremely sporting team.

"GRANDSTAND" HELD OVER

Owing to pressure on space, "Grandstand's" notes on the Macao softball trip have been held over until to-morrow.

Fortunes fluctuated considerably in the course of the match. Police, having first use of a soft wicket which was taking spin, met with early disaster, losing Carey and Clarke, two of their most dangerous batsmen, in the course of the first 10 minutes for only five runs.

ROT STOPPED

A useful stand between Pope and Hunter saw the score taken to 34 before Pope was caught at point by

Marker. Hunter continued to bat soundly, watching the ball right on to his bat and later opening out and driving nicely. He took part in a further partnership with Danbrowsky which realised 30 runs.

On the advent of Fay, following the dismissal of Danbrowsky, some of the best cricket of the day was seen. Opening his account with a glanced drive to the square-leg boundary, Fay followed this up with a beautiful square-cut and proceeded to lay on the wood in no uncertain manner. Latterly he had some difficulty in timing Ramjahn's leg-spinners but his 25 was an extremely useful effort.

The Police tail wagged quite vigorously, veteran T. H. King hitting two nice fours and Kirby doing really well to score a hard-hit 20.

The Police innings closed at 3.50 for 131.

Abbas bowled very steadily for the Indians but did not meet with a great deal of success, while Ramjahn, mixing them up well and spinning the ball from the leg a great deal, was always difficult to play and thoroughly deserved his fine analysis of 4 for 27.

CORRECT INNINGS

After I. R. C. had lost K. M. Ramjahn, brilliantly caught in the slips by Estall with only 10 runs on the board, they appeared to have the measure of the Police bowlers, although runs did not come very fast.

H. T. Barma played a very correct innings, one of the best of the day, and stayed in while 51 runs were scored, of which his contribution was 21.

With his dismissal, however, something of a rot set in and Ali and Razack were dismissed in quick succession for only 10.

With 5 down for 61, came M. R. Abbas, who started off sensationally, to score six fours in quick time off Lewis and Fay and completely alter the complexion of the game.

When he was finally bowled when trying to hit Fay's straight one, the score was 100 for 7. He had been given good support by A. R. Suffiad, who played a very straight bat to the good ones and scored freely on the leg side off the loose balls to compile 18.

With two wickets to fall, I. R. C. still required 21 for victory. With only 15 runs required for victory, Carey dropped Marker. When A. H. Ismail was foolishly run out, I.R.C. were only seven runs behind.

Followed some tense moments before A. el Arculli, in attempting to hit a full-toss from Lewis to the leg boundary, gave Pope an easy catch to end a thrilling match.

LEWIS'S PART

Fay, who was not feeling well, bowled very much below his usual form but Lewis kept an excellent length and it was his efforts which were as much as anything responsible for the Police success. The fielding, with one or two exceptions, was not impressive.

TENNIS

(Continued from Page 17)

in the Club's annual tournament:—

S. A. Hussain beat Firdos Kharr 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 in the semi-final of the singles championship; S. R. Saleh beat G. M. Khan 8-1, 7-5, in the semi-final of the handicap singles; S. S. Hussain and S. R. Saleh received a walk-over from Dr. H. M. Singh and A. Khan in the semi-final round of the doubles championship; S. A. Hussain and G. M. Khan beat M. O. Hossain and M. Ramzan 6-2, 6-1 in the semi-final round of the doubles handicap.

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(Continued from Page 1).

Floods Check Advance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.

A Dutch war communique says the German troops which crossed the Yssel have contacted our positions at several points in the western part of Gelderland province which is protected by flooding.

In the northern provinces the Germans have reached several points on the coast of Yssel Lake and the Mudlan Zee. In this part of the country our frontier troops have been withdrawn with slight losses and have reached their main fortified positions.

A detachment of German armoured cars has reached Langstraam, in the north of Brabant province.

North of Rotterdam a few German detachments still remain. They are strongly armed but have no artillery.

Despite the overwhelming German superiority our air force is showing remarkable pluck and has bombed important enemy positions.—Havas.

Heavy German Losses

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A French war communique reports the Germans continued mass attacks in Holland and Belgium. The enemy progressed in Holland notably south of the lower Meuse.

In Belgium, French counter-attacks were launched with tanks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

Enemy pressure in front of the Longwy sector of the Maginot Line

JAPANESE DIPLOMATS TO CONFER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A conference of Japanese diplomatic representatives in North America will meet in Washington on June 18, the meeting to last three weeks.

The conference will consider the present state of commercial relations between Japan and the United States as well as the possibility of improving Japanese trade with other North American countries.

Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, Ambassador-at-Large, who recently arrived in America, will represent the Gaimusho at the conference.

Meanwhile a conference of Japanese diplomats in South America is opening to-day in Rio de Janeiro.—Havas.

BRITISH ASSURANCE

Tokyo, To-day.

Assurances that Britain fully shares Japan's concern for the maintenance of the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies, and that Britain had no intention of intervening in these islands, were given to the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, by the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, acting under instructions from the home Government.—Reuter.

was repulsed, as were enemy attacks east of the Moselle and Saar. There is nothing to report from the Rhine.—Havas.



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Commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech the "Daily Telegraph" writes: "The Commons sitting served as no other agency could have done to make manifest the nation's unity and inflexible resolve to prosecute the war to a victorious conclusion. Mr. Churchill's words were few but winged. His policy was defined in the single phrase 'Wage war,' and his aim 'Victory at all costs.' The British people well know that before them is an ordeal of the most grievous kind."

It is significant that the Labour Party's decision to join the Government was ratified by a majority of 2,400,000 to 170,000. As a portent such a vote deserves to rank with the Commons vote of confidence by a majority of 381 to nil. Such is one of the unconsidered effects achieved by the latest Hitler outrage.

"The Times" says the House had only one duty to perform and Mr. Churchill's brief speech calling it to that duty was in every way worthy of a war leader in difficult, anxious times. Just as Garibaldi, in the darkest hour, offered his followers "hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death," and found men willing to suffer these things in order that tyranny should perish, so Mr. Churchill offered the nation blood, toil and tears until the same high purpose is achieved. He too will inspire the whole nation to sustain and support him in the struggle. The new Government accepted office at the very moment the real struggle has begun. A battle on the scale now engaged cannot be expected to pursue from first to last a course earning the Government applause. It is not applause they or the men in the thick of the battle want. It is unwavering and unfaltering endurance in good times and bad in the face of national and personal afflictions.

Discussing the German plan of campaign, "The Times" writes all indications suggest Hitler intends to prosecute the campaign regardless of cost with the object of bringing the war to an end by the autumn. Grabbing Denmark and the attempt to grab Holland represent gambles on rapid success very similar to the initiation of unrestricted submarine warfare in the past war. The very fact that Hitler in certain respects has worsened his position in terms of next year makes it probable he has made up his mind to win in the next few months. Let it be borne in mind that when energies are expended as the Germans are now expending them, immediate results are likely to be favourable, while wear and tear does not show for some time. We must be prepared to face a new loss of ground. We must brace ourselves to take many hard blows before the prospect brightens. No effort we now put forth, no sacrifice to which we may be subjected, can be a price too high for freedom from the menace of this race which, like warrior ants, destroys all within range with ruthless skill and efficiency.—Reuter.

M. REYNAUD SEES BELGIAN MINISTERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, yesterday received the Belgian Foreign Minister and the Belgian Finance Minister.—Havas.

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